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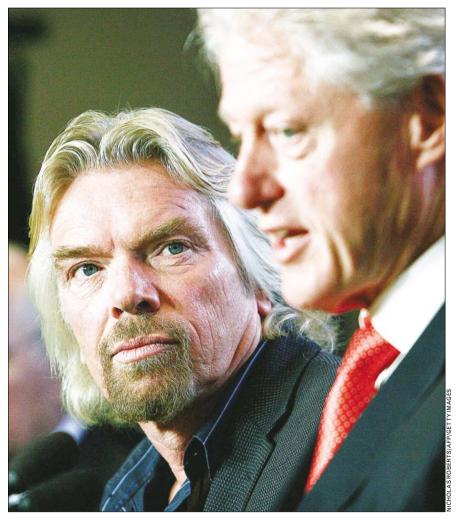


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PLEDGE: Former President Clinton speaks Thursday after British billionaire Richard Branson, left, announced he would invest about \$3 billion to fight global warming at the Clinton Global Initiative, an annual conference of business, political and nonprofit leaders. Branson said the money will go to support renewable, sustainable energy. + Mogul's dream: Seeking to save a "beautiful world" | Page 4

CDC: Test **Most for HIV/AIDS**

Health agency recommends routine exams for ages 13-64

ATLANTA | Federal health officials Thursday recommended regular, routine testing for the AIDS virus for all Americans ages 13 to 64, saying an HIV test should be as common as a cholesterol check.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines are aimed at preventing the further spread of the disease and getting needed care for an estimated 250,000 Americans who don't yet know they have it.

"We simply must improve early diagnosis," said CDC Director Dr. Julie Gerberding.

Nearly half of new HIV infections are discovered when doctors are trying to diagnose a patient who has already grown sick with an HIV-related illness, CDC officials said.

Although some groups raised concerns, the announcement was mostly embraced by health policy experts, doctors and patient advocates.

"I think it's an incredible advance. I think it's courageous on the part of the CDC," said A. David Paltiel, a health policy expert at the Yale University School of Medicine.

The recommendations aren't legally binding, but they influence what doctors do and what health insurance programs cover. (AP)

SELF-DEFENSE | Cane and Able Senior citizens in Oak Bay, British Columbia, can take a martial arts course in which they learn to use their canes for self-defense, the Times Colonist reported. Any elderly person who doesn't feel safe can take the course, said instructor

Gordon Muir. He said he created the class because canes are "completely legal" to have on the street. Muir modified general tai chi instruction for his course. "If I can't have a gun, then let's go with a cane," said student Jerome Pauls, 70. (EXPRESS) EyeOpeners | Page 2

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SCOUTING

It's Like This Kid Knows All Our Plays!

The father of a New Castle, Pa., high school quarterback is under fire for claiming to be a college coach and videotaping an opponent's practice just days before his son put up record numbers against the

team. Frank Colavecchia said he taped a practice at Mars High School, but his son Rocco didn't watch the tape before throwing for a school-record 457 yards in Shenango's 41-35 win over Mars on Friday. Colavecchia told Mars coach Scott Heinauer he was a college coach there to scout a player

and then taped about a half-hour of the

practice: Colavecchia said his actions

were stupid. (AP)

OBITUARIES

Look, Honey, 'Cousin It' Died

Fox Point, Wis., artist Jim Schinneller's love of laughter didn't end with his death. When an obituary for the lifelong jokester appeared in the newspaper, it was accompanied with a photo of the back of his head.

"It's a family that goes for a little bit of one-upmanship,"
Jim Schinneller
Jr. said. He said the family couldn't resist giving his dad a chance

for one more joke. The senior Schinneller's companion, Gloria Bosben, said she took the photo as a joke. "He had just gotten a haircut and it was a sunny day out," she said. "He said, 'I want you to take a picture of the back of my head." (AP)



GOL

Mr. Tee

Golfers know that an important part of their golf swing is keeping their eyes on the ball. Well, this performer isn't taking any chances: He has his whole head on — in, actually — the ball, as he participates in the opening ceremony Thursday for the 2006 Ryder Cup. The 36th Ryder Cup, at the K Club golf course in Straffan, Ireland, is scheduled to get under way on Friday. Luckily, Paul Bunyan isn't playing, or this guy would be in some real danger. $({\ensuremath{\mathsf{EXPRESS}}})$



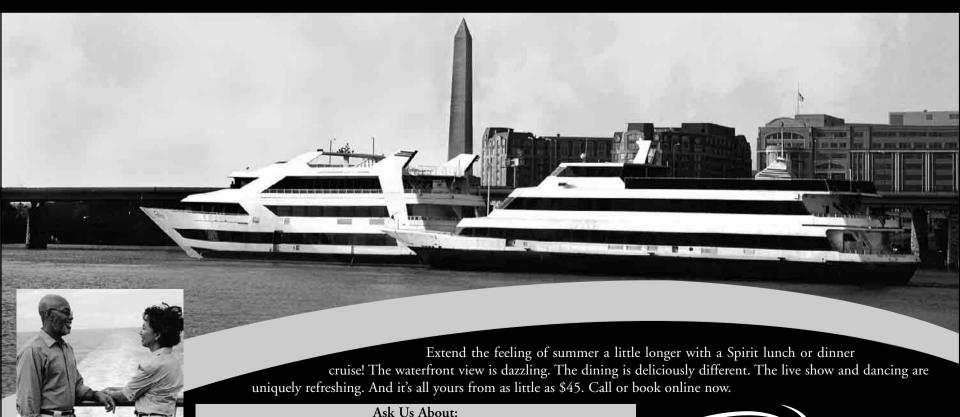
"C'mon! Papa needs to win enough tokens to trade in for a stuffed animal!"

GAMBLING

You Can Play Poker, But Just for M&M's

Gambling is missing from a new casino in St, Ignace, Mich., mistakenly built where gambling is illegal. The \$36 million Kewadin Shores Casino and Hotel opened in June and has restaurants, a lounge and an indoor pool. But its 29,000-square-foot casino with 800 slot machines and 26 gambling tables has been unable to operate because part of the casino was built on land where gambling is not allowed. (AP)





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In Brief



A Philadelphia police officer directs a crowd during evacuations Thursday.

PHILADELPHIA

Electrical Cable Fire Causes 25-Block City Evacuation

An underground electrical cable caught fire Thursday, sending smoke billowing into the streets and forcing several thousand office workers to evacuate, authorities said. The cable started smoking after it became overloaded. Gases that accumulated in underground ducts caused several manhole covers to blow off, officials said. Officials also closed streets in a 25-square-block area. (AP)

MCALLEN, TEXAS

Jail Reviews Security Plans As Manhunt Continues

Investigators on Thursday were trying to determine how a former police officer facing drug charges and five other inmates escaped from jail, while the search for the fugitives expanded outside South Texas. No more prisoners were sent to the East Hidalgo Detention Center pending a probe into how the inmates overpowered a guard, got through a power-controlled door and cut through a series of fences late Tuesday. (AP)

Bush, Senators Reach Terror Deal

Measure on treatment of detainees keeps U.S.'s Geneva obligations

WASHINGTON | The White House and rebellious Senate Republicans announced agreement Thursday on rules for the interrogation and trial of suspects in the war on terror. President Bush urged Congress to put it into law before adjourning for the midterm elections.

"I'm pleased to say that this agreement preserves the single most potent tool we have in protecting America and foiling terrorist attacks," the president said shortly after administration officials and key lawmakers announced agreement following a week of high-profile intraparty disagreement.

Sen. John McCain of Arizona was one of three GOP lawmak-



DEAL: Republican Sens. Bill Frist, center, Duncan Hunter, left, and John Warner announce a bill agreement that keeps U.S. obligations to the Geneva Conventions.

ers who told Bush he couldn't have the legislation the way he initially asked for it.

"There's no doubt that the integri-

ty and letter and spirit of the Geneva Conventions have been preserved," McCain said, referring to the international treaties covering the treat-

Political Fallout

→ The deal substantially narrowed the scope of a GOP political squabble widely seen as an impediment to preserving the party's majority status in the fall. | Today, A Section

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ment of prisoners in wartime.

The central sticking point had been a demand from McCain, Sens. John Warner and Sen. Lindsey Graham that there be no attempt to redefine U.S. obligations under the Geneva Conventions.

The agreement contains key concessions by the White House, including dropping a provision that would have interpreted Geneva Convention obligations and another allowing a defendant to be convicted on evidence he never sees if it is classified.

ANNE PLUMMER FLAHERTY (AP)

Pentagon: Intel Couldn't Stop 9/11

Review of Able Danger unit rejects claims that attacks were preventable

WASHINGTON | A Pentagon report rejects the idea that intelligence gathered by a secret military unit could have been used to stop the Sept. 11 hijackings.

The Pentagon inspector general's office said Thursday that a review of records from the unit, known as

Able Danger, found no evidence it had identified ringleader Mohamed Atta or any other terrorist who participated in the 2001 attacks.

The report was ordered following the assertion last year that the unit had identified four of the 19 hijackers in 2000. That claim was made by a former intelligence officer who worked on Able Danger, Lt. Col. Anthony Shaffer, and by Rep. Curt Weldon, vice chairman of the House Armed Services and

Homeland Security committees.

Weldon, R-Pa., has said the unit used data-mining to link Atta and three other hijackers to al-Qaeda more than a year before the attacks.

The 71-page report, blacked out in parts, also rejected Weldon's claim that the unit wanted information given to the FBI but that Pentagon lawyers would not allow it.

The report acknowledged that one Able Danger member alleged

he was prohibited from providing a chart to the FBI in 2000 by a senior Special Operations commander.

But, the report said, "the senior official did not recall the incident and we are persuaded that the chart would have been of minimal value to the FBI."

The Pentagon had said some employees recall seeing an intelligence chart identifying Atta as a terrorist before the attacks.

The report said those accounts "varied significantly" and witnesses were inconsistent at times in their statements. KIMBERLY HEFLING (AP)





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Richard Branson is flanked by Al Gore and Bill Clinton at the Clinton Global Initiative conference, where he pledged to give \$3 billion to fight global warming.

Branson Pledges To Fight Warming

Mogul to donate \$3B to promote alternative sources of energy

NEW YORK | British business mogul Richard Branson on Thursday pledged to invest about \$3 billion over the next decade to combat global warming and promote alternative energy, saying that it was critical to protect the environment for future generations.

Branson, the billionaire behind the Virgin brand, said the money would come from 100 percent of the profits generated by his transportation sectors — trains and airline companies. It will be invested in efforts to find renewable, sustainable energy sources in an effort to wean the world off oil and coal.

Branson made the announcement on the second day of the Clinton Global Initiative, an annual conference of business, political and nonprofit leaders hosted by former President Clinton.

"Our generation has inherited an incredibly beautiful world from our parents and they from their parents," Branson said at a news conference, with Clinton at his side. "We must not be the generation responsible for irreversibly damaging the environment. We must hand it over to our children in as near pristine a condition as we were lent it from our parents."

Clinton praised Branson, calling him one of the "most interesting," "creative" and "genuinely committed" people he had ever known.

Branson said he was inspired to contribute after a meeting with Al Gore, who served as Clinton's vice president and has been highly visible in raising awareness about global warming and environmental issues. DEEPTI HAJELA (AP)

Alzheimer's Protein Injected Into Mice

WASHINGTON | Scientists injected a sticky goo from Alzheimer's victims into the brains of mice and watched it take over, provocative research that promises to help shed new light on the earliest stages of the memory-robbing disease.

No one knows whether this sticky protein, called beta-amyloid, actually causes Alzheimer's disease, but it is the chief suspect, and the study reported Thursday adds to the evidence.

The German-led study found a tiny clump of bad beta-amyloid triggers a buildup that results in the disease's hallmark braincrusting plaques — by physically pushing nearby healthy proteins into rotten shapes. LAURAN NEERGAARD (AP)



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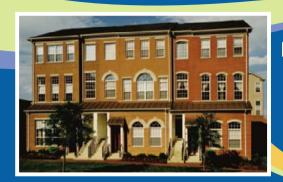
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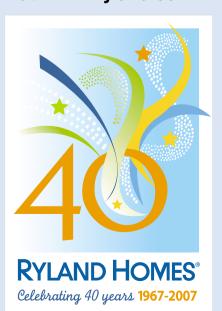
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Safe Landing for Atlantis

NASA shuttle makes return after starting space station repairs

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA. | Space shuttle Atlantis and its six astronauts glided to a safe landing in darkness early Thursday, ending a 12-day mission whose smooth success was briefly upstaged by the high drama caused by mysterious floating debris.

"Nice to be back. It was a great team effort," said commander Brent Jett immediately after touchdown at Kennedy Space Center at 6:21 a.m. EDT.

More than 1½ hours after landing, the astronauts, all wearing broad grins, left the shuttle to greet NASA administrator Michael Griffin and other agency officials. Then they walked under Atlantis to inspect the shuttle's heat shield.

Jett and his crew did the first construction work on the international space station since the



TOUCHDOWN: The crew of the Space Shuttle Atlantis walks away from the orbiter after it landed at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla., on Thursday.

Columbia disaster 3½ years ago. The astronauts performed three grueling spacewalks and took on other heavy-lifting tasks in one of the most challenging missions ever, adding a 17.5-ton truss addition with giant solar wings that will

help power the orbiting lab.

The landing 48 minutes before sunrise was a day later than planned because NASA ordered up extra inspections of the spacecraft's delicate skin to make sure it was safe to come home. MIKE SCHNEIDER (AP)

Not-Guilty Plea in Mo. Baby Kidnapping Case

Prosecutors say woman attacked mother, took newborn for five days

UNION, MO. | The woman accused of slashing a new mother's throat and kidnapping her baby whispered not guilty to the charges and convulsed in sobs during her arraignment Thursday.

Shannon Torrez, in handcuffs, spoke only in hushed tones before the Franklin County court. Her legs shook as she stood to enter pleas to charges of kidnapping, first-degree assault and two counts of armed criminal action.

Prosecutors say Torrez, 36, abducted then-7-day-old Abigale Lynn Woods on Sept. 15 after slashing the throat of the infant's mother, 21-year-old Stephenie Ochsenbine. They allege that she tried to pass the newborn off as her own her sister-



 $\label{thm:continuous} \textbf{K} \textbf{idnapping suspect Shannon Torrez} \\ \textbf{awaits arraignment court on Thursday.} \\$

in-law became suspicious.

The child was returned to her parents Tuesday, the same day Torrez was arrested. Torrez could face life in prison if convicted of kidnapping.

Authorities say Torrez's sisterin-law called authorities after she noticed a strawberry-red birthmark that matched the description of the kidnapped infant. (AP)

Congress Passes Plan to Protect Military Families

WASHINGTON | Servicemen and women would be shielded from people pushing inferior or overpriced financial service and insurance packages under legislation ready for President Bush's signature.

The measure, which was given final congressional clearance in the House Thursday, would allow state insurance regulators to better enforce state and federal law on military bases.

It also would ban discredited financial products that are no longer available on civilian markets but are still sold to people in the service, who tend to be younger and less schooled in financial matters.

Sen. Mike Enzi, R-Wyo., who sponsored the Senate bill with Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., noted cases where service members were sold life insurance policies with low benefits and premiums 14 times higher than average. JIM ABRAMS (AP)

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World



ON THE OUTS: Israelis would vote Ehud Olmert out of office if elections were held now, a new poll finds. A survey published in the Haaretz newspaper showed 68 percent of Israelis were unhappy with Olmert, compared with 40 percent on Aug. 1.

In Brief



Pakistanis protest Pope Benedict XVI's recent remarks on Islam on Thursday.

LAHORE, PAKISTAN Muslim Clerics, Scholars Call for Pope to Step Down

About 1,000 Muslim clerics and religious scholars meeting Thursday in eastern Pakistan demanded the removal of Pope Benedict XVI for making what they called "insulting remarks" against Islam. Benedict "should be removed from his position immediately for encouraging war and fanning hostility between various faiths" and "making insulting remarks" against Islam, said a joint statement issued by the clerics and scholars. (AP)

ISTANBUL, TURKEY

Writer Acquitted of Charge Of 'Insulting Turkishness'

Acclaimed novelist Elif Shafak was acquitted Thursday of charges of "insulting Turkishness" — a crime Western-looking Turks view as an embarrassment and one of the biggest obstacles to joining the European Union. The speedy court decision was seen as a sign of progress in securing freedom of speech, but critics say that until the law is abolished, Turkey will remain a place where rights are shaky and authors are regularly put on trial. (AP)

PALU, INDONESIA

3 Christians Executed for Leading Attacks on Muslims

Three Christian militants were executed by firing squad early Friday for leading attacks on Muslims six years ago that left 70 people dead, a police official and local media said. Fabianus Tibo, 60, Marinus Riwu, 48, and Dominggus da Silva, 42, were found guilty of leading a Christian militia that launched a series of attacks in May 2000. (AP)

Iranian Leader: No Need for Bomb

Ahmadinejad says Tehran has not hidden any nuclear activities

UNITED NATIONS | Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad insisted Thursday that Tehran does not need atomic weapons and he is "at a loss" about what more he can do to prove that.

Ahmadinejad said his country has not hidden anything and was working within the framework of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation treaty. "The bottom line is we do not need a bomb," he said at a news conference on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly.

The nations seeking to halt Iran's disputed nuclear activities are working out a new deadline for the Islamic republic and have authorized the European Union's foreign policy chief to go anywhere at any time to meet Tehran's top nuclear negotiator.

Despite the possible new accommodations, diplomats said they are not willing to wait much longer for Iran to respond more definitively to



Iran's Mahmoud Ahmadinejad takes questions during a news conference.

their package of incentives to stop uranium enrichment.

Ahmadinejad said he believed negotiations on the issue were "on the right track."

He also accused the U.S. of having a double standard and said it should destroy its own nuclear arsenal

He questioned what the U.S. has done to shut down its weapons program. "They too need to submit a report" to the International Atomic Energy Agency on its nuclear program, he said. "We've acted in a very transparent manner." (AP)

THAILAND | COUP LEADERS TIGHTEN CONTROLS



CROSSROADS: Buddhist monks wait outside a temple as Thai army tanks take up a position on Thursday in Bangkok. Thailand's new military rulers tightened their grip Thursday, restricting political activities, assuming legislative powers and detaining some allies of the deposed prime minister. Bottleneck traffic returned to the streets and Thais went back to work, with many in Bangkok describing the military takeover the most "friendly" coup this country has seen.

Hungarians Amass Anew for Protest

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY | Thousands of Hungarians gathered for the fifth straight night of protests on Thursday, demanding the resignation of the prime minister for lying to the country about the dire state of the economy.

By late evening, an estimated 10,000 people were outside parlia-

ment, a peaceful crowd in contrast to the violence of previous nights in other parts of the city attributed mostly to soccer hooligans.

The protests began on Sunday, when a recording was leaked in which Socialist Prime Minister Ferenc Gyurcsany admitted that his government lied about Hungary's economic problems to win April's

Gyurcsany reiterated his desire to stay on the job and carry through the reforms needed to remedy Hungary's ailing economy.

"The government has no desire to change its policies or its composition," Gyurcsany said at a meeting with leaders of some of the parliamentary parties. (AP)

Musharraf Recounts U.S. Threat

Pakistani alleges U.S. said it would bomb country to 'Stone Age'

WASHINGTON | President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan says the United States threatened to bomb his country back to the Stone Age after the Sept. 11 attacks if he did not help America's war on terror.

Musharraf says the threat was delivered by Richard Armitage, then the deputy secretary of state, to Musharraf's intelligence director, the Pakistani leader told CBS-TV's 60 Minutes.

"The intelligence director told me that [Armitage] said, 'Be prepared to be bombed. Be prepared to go back to the Stone Age,'" Musharraf said in the interview to be shown Sunday on the CBS television network.

It was insulting, Musharraf said. "I think it was a very rude remark," he told reporter Steve Kroft.

According to 60 Minutes, Armitage disputed the language attributed to him but did not deny the message was a strong one. The former deputy secretary of state could not be reached immediately by the Associated Press at his home or his office. Barry Schweid (AP)

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Rampant Violence Sweeps Baghdad

Officials claim kidnap victims being used as suicide car bombers

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Widespread lawlessness swept the Iraqi capital on Thursday with kidnappings, deadly attacks on police, the discovery of more mutilated death squad victims and a brazen daylight bank heist in central Baghdad by men dressed as Iraqi soldiers.

As car bombings continued throughout the country, the Defense Ministry warned that insurgents were using unwitting kidnap victims as suicide bombers — seizing them, boobytrapping their cars without their knowledge, then releasing them only to remotely blow the cars up when they make it to a checkpoint.



UNREST: Iragis in Naiaf rally to demand the release of four supporters of firebrand Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr who were arrested by U.S. and Iragi forces Thursday.

Although roadside bombs are the main weapon used by insurgents, suicide car bombers are often their most effective one — designed to maximize casualties and sow fear among the population.

The U.N. Assistance Mission in Iraq's Human Rights office warned that the number of Iraqi civilians killed in July and August hit 6,599, a record high number that is far greater than initial estimates had suggested and points to the country's grave sectarian crisis.

Despite the rampant violence, coalition forces moved ahead with plans to turn security responsibilities over to Iraqi troops by the end of 2007. Italy formally handed over the reins of the relatively quiet Dhi Oar province in the south. It was the second of Irag's 18 provinces to be turned over to local control. (AP)

U.N. Official: Torture in Iraq Is 'Out of Hand'

GENEVA | Torture in Iraq may be worse now than under Saddam Hussein, with militias, terrorist groups — and government forces — disregarding rules on the humane treatment of prisoners, the top U.N. anti-torture expert said Thursday.

Manfred Nowak, the United Nations' special investigator on torture, was presenting a report on detainee conditions at the U.S. prison in Guantanamo Bay as well as briefing the U.N. Human Rights Council on torture worldwide.

Reports from Iraq indicate that torture "is totally out of hand," he said. "The situation is so bad many people say it is worse than it has been in the times of Saddam Hussein." (AP)

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PUNCH OUT: Virginia's board of elections has ushered in a new era in Virginia, voting unanimously to decertify the use of punch-card and mechanical-lever voting machines. All the old machines were replaced by the end of last year.

Local

Feds Fund New Language Classes

Area schools receiving grants for Arabic and Chinese course options

FAIRFAX, VA. | School systems are receiving federal funds to increase aptitude in Arabic, Chinese and other languages key to the global economy and international relations.

U.S. Education Secretary Margaret Spellings said Wednesday that county schools will receive more than \$188,000 to expand Arabic and Chinese classes.

The funding is one of 131 grants, totaling \$22 million, to be distributed in coming weeks as part of President Bush's National Security Language Initiative.

Officials said Montgomery County, Md., schools will receive \$175,000 and District of Columbia schools \$174,583. Spellings announced the grant during a visit to Annandale High School, which is one of three Fairfax schools that offers Arabic.

She told students in an advanced Arabic class that they are among the less than 1 percent of high school students studying languages deemed critical — including Farsi, Japanese, Korean, Russian and Urdu.

"I know how difficult it is and how important it is," said Spellings, who told students she is studying Arabic, too. "It says ... 'We're interested in you, we want to learn about your culture.' It's not important only for the spread of knowledge, but the spread of world peace."

Paula Patrick, Fairfax schools foreign language coordinator, said about \$100,000 of the grant will create a virtual Arabic class for students in schools that otherwise aren't able to offer the language. (AP)

D.C. Schools Seek

Chinese Teachers

WASHINGTON | School officials have

signed an agreement this week with

education officials in China to hire

teachers to instruct students in the

teachers from China because it hasn't

been able to find qualified instruc-

of international programs for the

school system, says officials plan to

offer Chinese at six schools. That

includes Eaton Elementary, Deal

Junior High, Wilson Senior High,

Burrville Elementary, Kelly Miller

Middle School and Woodson

Senior High. (AP)

tors through other channels.

The school system is seeking

Sally Schwartz, the director

Chinese language and culture.

Md. Senate Head Must Go to Court

Developer says Miller punched him during a hearing on Wednesday

UPPER MARLBORO, MD. | A court summons has been issued for Maryland Senate President Thomas Mike Miller, after a developer filed a complaint accusing Miller of punching him at a hearing this week.

The summons orders Miller to appear in front of a judge in Prince George's County District Court for a trial within the next few months.

Leo Bruso, backing Miller's Republican opponent in the November general election, filed the criminal complaint Wednesday accusing Miller of second-degree assault. Miller denied the claims.

Bruso said the incident occurred during a hearing Wednesday on land-use issues.

But Yates Clagett, a property owner who attended the hearing, says Miller placed his fist gently on Bruso's cheek. (AP)

Sultan of swing? A second witness calls Miller's action a "friendly grab on the arm." Today's Post, Metro

The Lotteries

Thursday, September 21

DISTRICT

 Mid-day Lucky Numbers
 I-5-6

 Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)
 7-I-I

 Mid-day DC 4
 I-5-7-5

 Evening DC 4 (Wed.)
 9-6-8-I

 Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)
 4-I2-2I-27-33

 Daily 6 (Wed.)
 5-I2-20-22-36-38 (6)

 Hot Lotto (Wed.)
 9-I3-I6-2I-30 (I3)

MARYLAND

 Mid-day Pick 3
 6-8-6

 Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)
 6-4-1

 Mid-day Pick 4
 8-6-9-2

 Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)
 3-0-5-8

 Match 5 (Wed.)
 2-7-15-25-35 (32)

 Multi-Match (Wed.)
 1-7-12-32-35-43

VIRGINIA

 Mid-day Pick 3
 5-7-3

 Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)
 5-1-4

 Mid-day Pick 4
 2-8-4-7

 Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)
 4-7-5-2

 Mid-day Cash 5
 4-5-15-20-21

 Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)
 9-16-19-25-33

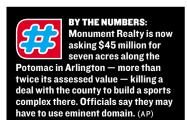
 Win For Life (Wed.)
 4-5-15-20-21

11-15-16-27-32-38 (29)

MULTI-STATE GAMES

Powerball (Wed.) **7-8-17-29-54 (26)**Power Play **x2**

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.





Paramedics prepare to move a student who was shot outside Cardozo Senior High School in D.C. on Thursday. The student's injuries were not life-threatening.

Student Shot Outside District High School

10th-grader hit in the leg; search for suspect locks down all classes

WASHINGTON | A student was shot in the leg Thursday outside a high school and was taken to the hospital with injuries that were not lifethreatening, officials said.

The shooting happened about 12:15 p.m. outside Cardozo Senior High School in Northwest, police and school authorities said.

Patricia Williams, a school spokeswoman, said the 10th-grader was shot by an unknown assailant and was taken to Howard University Hospital.

It was not clear why the student wasn't in class, Williams said.

The school was placed in lock-down while authorities searched for a suspect. Last night, police said they were still looking for the shooter. (AP)



Class not dismissed: Five other public schools are locked down during manhunt for shooter, who may have been involved in nearby argument. Today's Post, Metro.



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Money

Wal-Mart Tests Drug Plan

Retailer aims to offer nearly 300 generic prescriptions for \$4

NEW YORK | Wal-Mart plans to begin selling nearly 300 generic prescription drugs in the U.S. for a sharply reduced price, offering a big lure for bargain-seeking customers and presenting a challenge to competing pharmacy chains.

The world's biggest retailer said Thursday that it will test its sales program, in which 291 generic drugs will be sold at \$4 for a month's supply, in Florida.

The drugs involved provide treatments for conditions ranging from allergies to high blood pressure.



The reduced-cost prescription drug sales program will be tested in Florida.

Selling generic drugs at prices that don't offer much, if any, margin for profit could serve two purposes for Wal-Mart: It could draw customers away from big pharmacy chains to Wal-Mart stores that offer a much wider array of products, and it could help Wal-Mart with an image problem stemming from its policies on health insurance for employees.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. officials said the reduced price represents a savings to the U.S. customer of up to 70 percent on some drugs. The average monthly cost for a generic drug prescription is \$28.74, according to the National Association of Chain Drug Stores. For branded drugs, that figure is \$96.01.

Critics said the plan was a cover for Wal-Mart's failure to provide its employees with adequate health care. They contend that the company's benefits are too stingy, forcing taxpayers to absorb more of the cost as the workers lacking coverage turn to state-funded health care programs. ANNE D'INNOCENZIO (AP)

Forbes' Richest List All Billionaires

NEW YORK | These days, it takes a billion — at least.

For the first time, Forbes magazine's list of the 400 richest Americans consists exclusively of people worth \$1 billion or more. As a group, the people who made the rankings released Thursday are worth a record \$1.25 trillion.

In the billionaire-athon, casino magnate Sheldon Adelson pole-

vaulted to No. 3 from 15 in last year's ranking, finishing behind the mainstays at Nos. 1 and 2: Microsoft Corp. founder Bill Gates and Warren Buffett of Berkshire Hathaway Inc., respectively.

Adelson is now estimated to have \$20.5 billion, Buffett \$46 billion and Gates \$53 billion. Gates has held the No. 1 spot for the last 13 years, while Buffett has been No. 2 every year

NASDAQ Stock Market

since 1994 except 2000.

The two Google Inc. founders were also big earners. Sergey Brin and Larry Page gained about \$13 million a day over the last two years, according to Forbes. That puts them in 12th and 13th place, respectively, up from a tie at 16th place last year. (AP)

Big bucks: It's not news that Bill Gates is still rich; The news is that \$I billion is the new \$I million | Today, AI

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers				Gainers			
STOCK	LAST	DAILY Change	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE	STOCK	LAST	DAILY Change	DAILY PERCENT CHANG
GpoTMM A	2.84	+.21	+8.0	YakCom	5.12	+1.22	+31.3
Pier 1	7.34	+.54	+7.9	OraSure	8.54	+1.53	+21.8
Knoll Inc	19.47	+1.39	+7.7	FreeSeas n	5.07	+.78	+18.2
NEur0	33.70	+2.15	+6.8	MIVA	3.26	+.43	+15.2
CPI	47.12	+2.77	+6.2	lomai n	4.05	+.05	+1.3
Losers				Losers			
HoustEx	54.90	-6.00	-9.9	Nucryst n	8.21	-2.54	-23.6
LearCorp	18.61	-1.77	-8.7	InfoSpce	17.68	-4.93	-21.8
CVS Cp	32.47	-2.96	-8.4	Westaim	2.60	45	-14.8
AmAxle	16.06	-1.41	-8.1	Westell	2.25	34	-13.1
Walgrn	46.28	-3.67	-7.3	Incyte	4.35	61	-12.3

Rates	Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)			
CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK		TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK		TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25	British Pound	.5259	.5296	.5525
Fed Funds close	5.25	5.25	Canadian Dollar	1.1182	1.1278	1.1690
3-month disc	4.80	4.81	European Euro	.7819	.7880	.8185
2-year	4.70	4.84	Japanese Yen	116.25	117.46	111.24
10-year	4.64	4.79	Mexican Peso	11.0720	10.9425	10.7960
30-year	4.78	4.92	Taiwanese Dollar	32.88	32.85	33.05

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-79.96	-15.14	-7.15
-0.69 11533.23	-0.67 2237.75	-0.54 1318.03

Pharmacy	Stock

STUCK	LASI	CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE
AbtLab	48.20	35	+22.2
Allergan	115.09	+.91	+6.6
AstraZen	63.28	+.06	+30.2
BarrPhm	51.95	56	-16.6
BrMySq	24.71	18	+7.5
ForestLab	49.22	73	+21.0
Hospira	39.20	+1.65	-8.4
IvaxCorp	25.98		-17.1
JohnJn	64.23	+.04	+6.9
LillyEli	55.97	+.22	-1.1
Merck	41.95	+.01	+31.9
Pfizer	28.21	26	+21.0
SchergPl	21.31	17	+2.2
Sepracor	46.71	08	-9.5
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YEAR TO DATE

The Great Outdoors

A mother of 3 tries to win her family over to the joys of camping

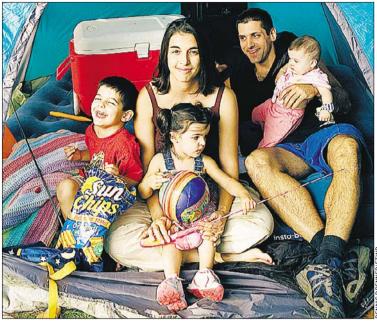
I am not a big fan of hard-core camping. I'm more fond of flushable toilets and warm showers, air mattresses and a tidy little fire ring that keeps your logs where they belong. And I like having a camp ranger within shouting distance, for those times when the "neighbors" are being too noisy or a furry animal is looking at you like you might be its next meal.

That's the kind of camping I grew up with, and until I got married I'd always assumed that I'd continue making occasional trips to the woods to sleep in a tent and roast marshmallows. But then I discovered that my husband, Spiro, is not what you'd call a happy camper.

He's a good sport, but deep down he can't understand why you would cart a car full of stuff into the woods to play house when you have a perfectly good home at home.

Still, I haven't given up on the notion that I can somehow persuade him to love camping as much as I do. And now that we have children, the stakes are even higher: I have three little minds to mold.

And so it was that Spiro and I, along with Vasili, 4, Maggie, 2, and Eleni, 6 months, headed out recently for what I hoped would be an easy introduction to the outdoors at Greenbrier State Park.



PARTY OF FIVE: Christina Antoniades brings her family along for a camping trip.

To document for Spiro just how much fun he was having, I decided to keep a diary:

IO A.M.: We're off! I know I've forgotten something.

II A.M.: The drive out Route 70 past Frederick is blessedly uneventful, thanks to Nemo and a portable DVD player. When we arrive, only five of the campground's 165 sites are left. Spiro, not surprisingly, chooses the site closest to the exit.

II:05 A.M.: I begin to worry about our accommodations. Our American Camper three-person tent goes up without any trouble. Inside, Spiro gets the battery-operated air mattress pump going. When it's all

arranged, I breathe a sigh of relief. I think we'll have enough room.

12:30 P.M.: My brother and his two teenage sons arrive just in time to help set up the screen house and hammock.

12:45 P.M.: As we unpack, I remember what I forgot: our two adult sleeping bags.

2 P.M.: We head to the lake, where Maggie splashes in the shallow water while Vasili goes fishing with his cousins. They catch three fish.

4 P.M.: We take a family nature hike, which ends after less than 10 minutes when Vasili and Maggie simultaneously decide that they



Into the Woods

→ For five ideas about a quick and easy camping getaway, tips to make your non-camping companion comfortable and advice from Casual Adventure's Neil Stern above, see Sunday's Washington Post. | SUNDAY SOURCE

will no longer walk.

4:30 P.M.: The kids are getting antsy, so I suggest we make dinner early. Spiro fires up some coals and we get cooking. This is a good manly task that he enjoys.

5 P.M.: Spiro and I decide that while the fire is still hot we should make s'mores. Vasili and I set to work finding good marshmallowroasting sticks while Spiro puts a few logs on the fire and does his best to keep Maggie from toppling in.

8:30 P.M.: Bedtime. Piling into the tent, it's pretty apparent that I have made a small misjudgment of how much space a family of five needs. We fit — just barely — on the air mattress, with Eleni in her portable baby bed at the foot.

8:45 P.M.: The kids are too riled up to fall asleep in a strange place, so

we give up and resort to the oldest trick in the book, throwing them in the car for a sleep-inducing drive. We need gas anyway, and bacon.

9 P.M.: Success! We now have a full tank of gas, a pound of bacon and a sleeping Maggie. Still, Vasili and Eleni will have to be coaxed into slumber in the tent.

10 P.M.: After much tossing and turning, everyone is asleep.

6:30 A.M.: The kids are up, but I try to keep them quiet until 7 so we won't wake the other campers, who I'm sure have no desire to be up at this hour. Eventually, we discover that Spiro has started a fire and is making coffee.

9:30 A.M.: After a shower at the bathhouse, I return to our site to discover Spiro has broken down the screen house and tent and packed up almost all of our belongings, all the while lugging Eleni in a baby backpack. He is smiling, but I have the sneaking suspicion that it's the anticipation of leaving that has gotten him in such a good mood. "What about the lake?" I ask. "What about lunch under the trees?"

"We can have lunch under the trees," he says as he tosses the last of the bags into the car. And, as it turns out, we do have lunch, about two hours later, under a big, beautiful sycamore that is six feet from the back door of our home in Baltimore. CHRISTINA BREDA ANTONIADES (SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON POST)

ALSO SUNDAY IN THE POST

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Weekend

Disappearing Act

High-priced receivers haven't shown up to play

REDSKINS | When Dallas Cowboys coach Bill Parcells was asked about the Washington Redskins' offseason acquisitions of wide receivers Antwaan Randle El and Brandon Lloyd prior to last Sunday's game, his response echoed what most Redskins fans, and the coaching staff for that matter, were thinking.

"Those are certainly weapons that make them more explosive," Parcells said in a teleconference last week.

Two weeks into the season, however, the receivers are little more than a microcosm of just how difficult a time the Redskins' offense has had moving the football.

While not one of the league's premier playmakers, Lloyd had put up two solid seasons in a row for a San Francisco team that was struggling at the quarterback position.

After 91 receptions and

11 touchdowns in 29 games the last two seasons, Lloyd has one catch. It went for six yards.

Randle El, an integral part of Pittsburgh's Super Bowl team last season, has seven catches — for 42 yards.

Not exactly explosive.

Offensive coordinator Al Saunders is, along with quarter-back Mark Brunell, taking the brunt of the criticism for the offense's struggles. He admitted there was a "learning curve."









- → Is Clinton the spark plug? It looks as if star running back Clinton Portis will play this weekend, meaning no more excuses for an offense that hasn't produced all season.
- → Can they stop Super Mario? Last year's No.

 1 draft pick, Mario Williams, has been held sackless in two games. But is he ready for a coming-out party against the Redskins, who gave up six sacks last week against Dallas?
- → What's going to give? The Texans have given up an average of 478 yards per game in two games against the Eagles and the Colts. The Redskins' offensive has been anemic, averaging just

But the question remains: How are the Redskins going to solve the problem? Head coach Joe Gibbs mentioned sever-

256 yards per game. Which

unit will be worse?

al times in his press conference on Monday that there were probably "a thousand" scenarios that could have played a part in the offensive woes.

Getting the ball to players like Randle El and Lloyd, however, are near the top of that list.

"We've got playmakers. We are disappointed," Gibbs said. "Right now we can't get them the ball. We can't continue

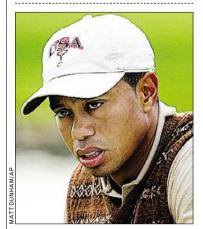
that or we'll be in deep trouble."

The long-term solution will rest with Gibbs, Saunders and the rest of the coaching staff. For one week, however, it may lie outside the Redskins entirely. A road trip to Houston couldn't come at a better time.

As bad as the Redskins have been offensively, the Texans have been equally bad defensively. Houston is last in the league, surrendering 478 yards a game. MIKE PIPER

Antwaan Randle El has made just seven grabs for 42 yards so far this season as the Redskins' offense has struggled to score.

TV Lineup

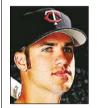


Tiger Woods is paired with Jim Furyk to lead the U.S. at the Ryder Cup.

→ LINKS FOR BREAKFAST: If you want to watch the Ryder Cup this weekend, you'd better not mind waking up early on Friday (8 a.m. on USA), Saturday (8 a.m. on NBC) and Sunday (7 a.m. on NBC).

→ A DATE WITH THE NL EAST

CHAMPS: The Nats are on the road as they battle the newly crowned NL East champs, the New York Mets, on Friday (7:10 p.m. on MASN), Saturday (1:25 p.m. on FOX) and Sunday (1:10 p.m. on MASN).



Joe Mauer

→ PLAYING SPOILER?: The current wild card leader Minnesota Twins are looking to pick up some wins against the lowly Orioles on Friday (7 p.m. on

CSN), Saturday (4:30 p.m. on MASN) and Sunday (1:30 p.m. on MASN).

→ NO SEPARATION SATURDAY:

There are games all day, but it concludes with No. 12 Notre Dame battling rival Michigan State (8 p.m. on ABC).

→ SEARCHING FOR SUCCESS:

The New York Giants continue with the NFL's hardest schedule against the Seahawks (4:15 p.m. on FOX). The Baltimore Ravens visit their old stomping grounds with a trip to Cleveland (4 p.m. on CBS). And the Broncos and Patriots battle on Sunday night (8:15 p.m. on NBC).



Fame basketball coach Bobby Knight is weighing in on the recent college footl controversy surrounding bad calls at the end of Oklahoma's loss to Oregon last week. He said he knows what it's like to be involved in a controversial

calls with the Sooners. Back in January 2003, Knight called for Oklahoma to forfeit its 69-64 win against his Red Raiders after two clock controversies in the final seconds of regulation. "Now I guess the 'duck' is swimming in the other pond," Knight recently told the Oklahoman. (EXPRESS)

Weekend sports

SPORTS EDITOR, EXPRESS

REDSKINS (MINUS 4) AT TEXANS

















FALCONS (MINUS 3.5) AT SAINTS









REDSKINS

Finally, Washington plays a team worse than it is.

BENGALS

Cincy establish-

es itself as the team

to beat in the AFC

North.

JAGUARS

With that defense.

there's no way the Jags get blown out.

Anyone really want

to pick against the

Saints in their return

to Big Easy?

SEAHAWKS

Seattle's practically unbeatable at home.

BRONCOS

Something seems off

about the Patriots

despite their 2-0

record.

REDSKINS

Offense gets a much-needed break against the NFL's worst defense.

BENGALS

Carson Palmer has

been waiting for this

game since Jan. 8.

JAGUARS

They shut out the

Super Bowl Champs,

so why not?

FALCONS

It's a great story, but

unfortunately the

Saints aren't a great

team.

SEAHAWKS

Seahawks build a big

lead and amazing-

ly don't go into a pre-

vent defense.

PATRIOTS

Tom Brady rolls

through the Broncos,

and, of course, looks

good doing it.

REDSKINS

The Redskins are my favorite team. I can't pick against them!

REDSKINS

It would be nice to think the Texans could win. But Washington's defense is too good.

BENGALS

With Chad Johnson and Palmer on the field, the Bengals can beat anvone.

COLTS

Manning is too good.

Any time a team puts

up rushing yards like

the Falcons do, you've

got to give it the nod.

SEAHAWKS

I don't like the Giants

PATRIOTS

Two words ... Tom

Brady.

STEELERS

Let's see if Ben Roethlisberger shakes off the rust against the Bengals D.

COLTS

It's a short week for the Jags and the Colts are playing at home.

FALCONS

There will be a lot of emotion. But the Saints' defense can't stop Vick and Dunn.

GIANTS

The Giants would have won here last season if it hadn't been for Jay Feely.

PATRIOTS

The Pats get revenge for last year's AFC playoff loss.

Colleges Move to Conference Play

Teams move out of the spotlight of Showdown Saturday in Week 4

COLLEGE PICKS | A week after Showdown Saturday, only two games match ranked teams this weekend. Ohio State looks for payback against Penn State on Saturday, and Arizona State and California jockey for position in the Pac-10. The picks:

- → NO. 24 PENN STATE (PLUS 16 1/2) at NO. I OHIO STATE. Buckeyes have won 10 straight since losing to Penn State last season ... OHIO STATE 36-17.
- → NO. 3 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (MINUS 21) at ARIZONA. Trojans are 23-6 against Wildcats, including four straight ... **USC 33-14**.
- → WISCONSIN (PLUS 14) at NO. 6 MICH-**IGAN.** Michigan has won three straight at the Big House against the Badgers ... MICHIGAN 28-20.



RB Marshawn Lynch leads a potent rushing attack for the California Bears.

- → NO. 12 NOTRE DAME (MINUS 3 1/2) at. MICHIGAN STATE. Spartans have won seven of the last nine ... NOTRE DAME
- → NO. 22 ARIZONA STATE (PLUS 7 1/2) at NO. 21 CALIFORNIA. Pac-10 shootout season begins ... CALIFORNIA 38-34. RALPH D. RUSSO (AP)

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Battle for Bragging Rights

U.S. trying to reverse recent fortunes and win the Ryder Cup

RYDER CUP | As if recent history wasn't enough, Europe showed just how tight a grip it has on the Ryder Cup, which begins on Friday.

U.S. captain Tom Lehman gathered his team on the 10th tee on Thursday for the official team



photo, which lately is the closest the Americans ever get to posing with the Ryder Cup trophy.

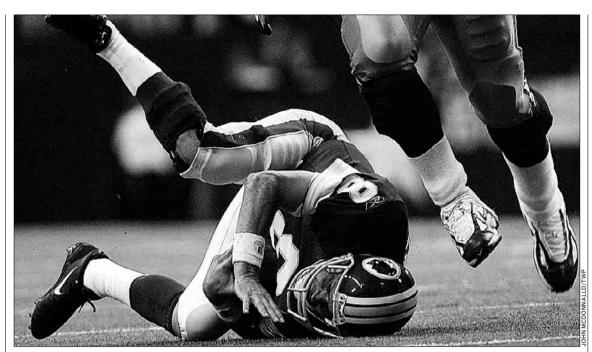
Whether it was a harmless oversight or a

not-so-subtle message about the true ownership of the shiny gold chalice, captain Ian Woosnam neglected to turn over the trophy even for 15 minutes of a photo opportunity.

The U.S. has a 24-9-2 lead in the Ryder Cup since it began in 1927 but the symbol of dominance over the last 20 years has been the European flag.

Europe has captured the cup seven of the last 10 times, with the last U.S. victory coming in 1999.

Not only does Europe own the cup as of late, many believe this year it has the best team ever. (AP)



SHOULDERING THE LOAD: Quarterback Mark Brunell has taken on most of the blame for the Redskins' struggling offense. But don't expect a change anytime soon. Coach Joe Gibbs historically stays with his quarterbacks and has faith in Brunell.

What Controversy

Gibbs sticks by his QB as calls for Campbell continue to strengthen

REDSKINS | In 1985, Joe Theismann was 36 years old and was having his worst season in the NFL, with eight touchdown passes and 16 interceptions. The Washington Redskins were hanging around .500, on the way to missing the playoffs for the first time in four years.

Coach Joe Gibbs refused to take Theismann out. When the quarterback change finally took place, it was by gruesome means. Lawrence Taylor broke Theismann's leg in the 11th game of the season, ending Theismann's career and forcing Gibbs to turn to 24-yearold backup Jay Schroeder.

Two years ago, Mark Brunell was having the worst season of his career at age 34, unable to throw for even 100 yards in most of his starts. Gibbs stuck by the veteran as long as he could before benching him in the ninth game for Patrick Ramsey.

Last year, Ramsey began the season at the helm at the ripe age of 26. He was shaky from the outset and didn't even last one game.

Which brings the story to this year. Brunell is the starter again. He's 36, the same age as Theismann 21

years ago. He isn't playing well, the offense has scored only one touchdown, and the record is 0-2.

Frustrated fans can flood the talk shows and Internet chat rooms all they want with calls for Brunell to be replaced by second-year player Jason Campbell, and it won't matter. No one should expect Brunell to get the hook anytime soon. Gibbs is a coach who loves his players seasoned.

"I'd say, in general," Gibbs said, "you're more willing to replace a younger guy than an older guy."

Gibbs said he had a long talk with Brunell on Tuesday, chatting "quite a bit about things in general." Campbell, yet to play a down,

HEAD TO HEAD





CHRIS SAMUELS

MARIO WILLIAMS

→ Can the Redskins' stud offensive tackle, a former No. 3 pick, shut down this year's No. 1?

Chris Samuels, a three-time Pro Bowl tackle, battles the top DEs in the league week in and out. It's no different this week, when he faces Mario Williams. Williams has tremendous size and speed but lacks NFL technique, a facet where Samuels thrives. Still looking for his first NFL sack, the 6foot-6 Williams must get creative and use his athleticism to get around the 6-foot-5, 310-pound veteran Samuels.

responded to the fuss by saying: "The backup quarterback's always the most popular, no matter what high school, college or NFL."

But, through it all, there was never any doubt that Brunell would start Sunday's game against the Houston Texans.

"It always goes back to what you feel," Gibbs said. "It's more than just a couple of games on the field like he had. It's offseason work, knowing what kind of person he is, that's a lot of it. Leadership is part of it certainly with Mark, you don't get any better with that. It's also who you got behind him, and what's best for the team." JOSEPH WHITE (AP)



Forward Thinkers

The Terps defense tries to regain respect after an embarassing loss

TERPS FOOTBALL | Beatings like the one the Maryland defense took last week are the reason sports psychologists exist.

For the first 15 emasculating minutes of the Terrapins' loss to West Virginia, the Mountaineers moved the ball down the field with the ease of men playing among boys. Running back Steve Slaton had 149 vards and West Virginia scored touchdowns on its first four possessions in the opening quarter.

"We've got to get our respect back," linebacker Erin Henderson said. "Of course we took it personally. Anytime somebody runs the ball on us the way they did last week, it's basically a lack of respect for us."

That, simply put, is the challenge put before the Terrapins' defense on Saturday. Maryland (2-1) hosts winless Florida International before waiting out a bye week and opening its Atlantic Coast Conference sched-



Erin Henderson, center, and the Terps are trying to make a statement on Saturday.

ule with a pair of road games. If it hopes to be successful, the defense must rediscover its manhood.

"It's a must-win game," defensive end Jeremy Navarre said.

Maryland ranks 11th in the ACC in run defense, allowing 176.3 yards per game after WVU's 340-yard output. Plus, the Terrapins have struggled to take away the ball. Marvland's defense has forced just four turnovers in three games, while its offense has turned the ball over 10 times.

Though at first glance Saturday's game would appear to be a walkover, it has become much more for Maryland's players, whose psyches have at least been shaken. A con-

3 BURNING QUESTIONS:

→ Can Haynos keep it up? The Terps' 6-foot-7-inch tight end caught a career-high eight passes last week and is Maryland's surprise leading receiver, "I look forward to him getting better and better," coach Ralph Friedgen said.

→ Is Josh Wilson healthy? The senior cornerback and leader of the Terns' defense spent this week on the sidelines at practice wearing a walking boot. Friedgen called him questionable to play, but Maryland certainly will need him healthy for the start of the conference season.

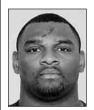
→ Can Florida International keep it close? The Golden Panthers have lost three games by a total of seven points. Sooner or later, they'll pull one out.

vincing victory can restore some confidence and some of that respect. A loss or even an indecisive victory leaves the Terrapins with two weeks to wonder whether they can compete once the ACC schedule begins. Maryland is on the ropes.

The question is, will they come out swinging? "We have a lot of fighters on our team," Henderson said. DEREK TURNER

Ravens' Secret Weapon

RAVENS | Where's Adalius? That's the question quarterbacks ask themselves when they peer across the line at the Baltimore Ravens, who use



Thomas

Adalius Thomas at eight different positions to take advantage of his size and athletic ability.

"They don't know if he's a safety, a defensive

tackle, a defensive end or a linebacker," teammate Terrell Suggs said.

The Ravens put the 6-foot-2, 270-pound Thomas at all those positions because he's got the body of a lineman, the skills of a linebacker and the speed of a safety. The seven-year veteran isn't just versatile, he's extremely effective.

"He's all over the place and has a chance to make a lot of plays," coach Brian Billick said. (AP)

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A-Rod's \$252 **Million Curse**

POOR A-ROD. He can't get any love.

Not only do most baseball fans resent him for his astronomical salary, but now we're also learning that his own team isn't so high on the All-Star third baseman.

Turns out the Yankees are sick and tired of Alex Rodriguez striking out when it matters most. Making matters worse, Rodriguez openly complained to Sports Illustrated that other high-priced stars Mike Mussina and Jason Giambi don't hear jeers when they struggle.

Is there a double standard? Sure there is, and it comes with that \$252 million contract Rodriguez will never live down - or, more accurately, live up to.

The salary, combined with the

"Look for arguably the game's best player to join his fourth team next year."

scrutiny of New York, created a time bomb waiting to go off since he first put on pinstripes in 2004.

Barring a terrific postseason, which would be unheard of for A-Rod, look for arguably the game's best player to join his fourth team next season.

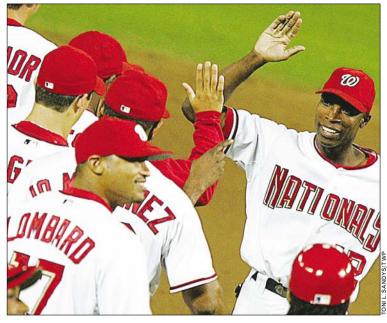
It's easy to forget how good Rodriguez is. But remember that in a down season, all he's done is hit 34 homers and get 114 RBIs.

That's A-Rod's curse. No matter what he does, it's never enough and eventually his team gets sick of the circus that follows him.

Someday, fans will look back at Rodriguez as one of the best players of all time. That time hasn't

Instead, he'll have to settle for being the best player everyone loves to hate until he retires in about another decade.





ALL SMILES: Alfonso Soriano, right, is quietly having one of the greatest baseball seasons of all time — one of the few things National fans have left to smile about.

Soriano's Season **Among the Best**

Stats are top-notch, but the Nats keep him out of MVP consideration

NATIONALS | Of the roughly 20,000 fans that continue to file into RFK Stadium to watch the Washington Nationals play out the final string of games in a last-place season, most can be put into three categories.

There are the die-hards, the fans that live and breathe baseball. There are the socializers, the business types there to network or the college kids out to drink beer. Then there are those who come simply to see what Alfonso Soriano will do next.

Such fans got a treat last Saturday night when the Nationals' left fielder swiped second base to become only the fourth player in history to hit 40 home runs and steal 40 bases. Soriano pulled the bag from its mooring, kissed it and soaked up the standing ovation.

"I'm going to put it in my house so my kids growing up can see it," Soriano said. "I can use it to talk to my kids and tell them how proud I am of it. And they can be proud of me, too."

And what a story it will be. Soriano joined Jose Canseco, Barry Bonds and Alex Rodriguez in the 40-40 club, but Soriano's season

is arguably the best of all. His 45 home runs are more than any of the other three hit. With one more double, he'll become the only member of the 40-40-40 club.

In fact, the argument can be made that Soriano's season is among the best in baseball history.

The Future of Frank

→ No one around the clubhouse, not even Frank Robinson, knows what will happen to the manager after this year. But speculation is that he's on the way out. | Today, Sports

🔟 The Washington Post

Of course, there's no way to quantify the greatest season ever, with endless possible ways to compare statistics. And manager Frank Robinson pointed out that Soriano won't even be in contention for most valuable player honors.

"If he was on a winning team, ves. Or if we were in the hunt for a division title, yes," he said.

But the Nationals are neither of those things, and Soriano is a free agent at year's end. Maybe he'll return, maybe not.

"I have a lot of things to think about after the year," Soriano said.

If nothing else, Nationals fans have seen history made during the 2006 season. Derek turner

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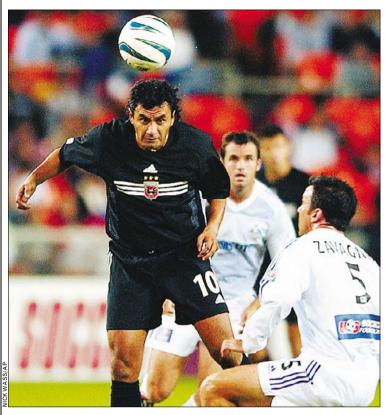
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Weekend Sports



Marco Etcheverry, a member of the 1996 championship team, will be honored at halftime on Saturday. He said he thinks United will be champions again this year.

United to Honor Winning Tradition

D.C. to remember '96 squad that started it all with halftime show

UNITED | In Major League Soccer's first year, D.C. United settled on a simple, and what turned out to be appropriate slogan: "The Tradition Begins."

Ten years later — and in the midst of what could be its greatest season ever -the area's most successful sports franchise is looking back Saturday on the team that started it all.

At halftime of the home game against the New York Red Bulls, United will honor its 1996 championship squad and place superstar Marco Etcheverry in its "Tradition of Excellence."

"We had great aspirations from the beginning," said team President and CEO Kevin Payne, whose team has won a record four MLS Cups. "[The 1996 team] really set us on our way."

Ironically, the coach of the inaugural squad, Bruce Arena, will be in attendance — leading the Red Bulls at RFK Stadium.

This week, Etcheverry recalled an early conversation with Arena. "I told him at the start of the preseason, 'I think we'll be champions."

After a slow start, "El Diablo" was proven correct by Eddie Pope's golden goal against the L.A. Galaxy.

This year's squad is hoping to catch a little of the '96 late-season magic. After taking a commanding lead in the points race — which it still has - D.C. (14-3-9) is in the midst of its first slump of the year. Payne says it's time to snap out of it.

"We want to go into the playoffs with some momentum," he said. "If we don't win the MLS Cup, we would consider this year a disappointment."

Etcheverry, a seven-time MLS All-Star, still follows United closely and has confidence that the club will put it together at the right time.

"A few guys have played too many games; they need some days off," he said. "They're going to be OK." MATT SWENSON (EXPRESS)



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See Monsters: Victoria Pratt girds for battle against a testy giant squid in the soon-to-be camp classic "Kraken" on Sci Fi. | 23

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A GREAT FALL: Sean Pennturns in a bellowing, cartoonish performance as Willy Stark, this time a Depression-era politician.

Sound and Fury

'All the King's Men': A solid foundation that signifies nothing

FILM | For "All the King's Men," writer-director Steven Zaillian has amassed an esteemed cast (Sean Penn, Anthony Hopkins, Jude Law, Kate Winslet) to remake this

best-picture Oscar winner, based on Robert Penn Warren's 1946 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel.

But instead of being important, "All the King's Men" is merely self-important — and pretentious and bombastic, but ultimately hollow.

Penn, starring as the Huey Long figure who goes from small-town

hick to corrupt politico, screams and flails and gesticulates wildly; it too often comes off as inadvertently funny. The British actors, meanwhile, affect Louisiana accents with varying degrees of success. Then again, everyone (except Kathy Baker as a boozy socialite) feels out of place.

Stark goes from parish treasur-

er to unlikely gubernatorial candidate after some political operatives talk him into running. But once he realizes he's just a pawn being used to split the hick vote, he finds his own voice, speaking to groups of poor folks like himself about the need for roads and bridges and schools.

This sequence, in which Stark stumps from stages to swamps across the state, should have been thrilling but just feels rushed. All of a sudden he knows exactly what to say, and all of a sudden the people show up to listen.

Law stars as a journalist who follows Stark on his campaign tour then goes to work for him once Stark wins in a landslide. And as narrator, Law provides one of the film's few sources of subtlety.

But he's also forced to serve as the central figure in a couple of subplots that drain the film of its momentum. In the midst of all this scheming, Stark finds time to indulge his newfound tastes in liquor and exotic women, which he's acquired as quickly as flipping on a light switch.

How did he make this giant leap? Where did these Machiavellian tendencies come from? If "All the King's Men" is intended as a cautionary tale, having a firm grasp of where he started from is crucial to caring about where he ended up. CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)



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I know I shouldn't go see "Jackass: Number Two" this weekend. But it's like a trainwreck. Just ... can't ... help it. Any thoughts?

This is the kind of movie you should really watch on DVD. That way, if they induce uncontrollable vomiting, you're much closer to home.

On one hand, the whole premise of "Jackass" as a movie is a little ridiculous. On the other, there's the appeal of the infectiously idiotic behavior. And Johnny Knoxville is sorta hot. Compromise and see a matinee. That way you're less likely to run into anyone you know.



Chris Pontius rides a yak in "Jackass: Number Two." What more do you want?

Still Following John Lennon

Feds are on the trail of the ex-Beatle in 'The U.S. vs. Lennon'

FILM | Yoko Ono approved this film, so it's no surprise that "The U.S. vs. John Lennon" deifies her late husband.

Ono provided documentary directors David Leaf and John Scheinfeld with extensive footage and fresh recollections; Lennon comes off as a visionary leader at best and an idealistic marketing genius at worst.

"Give peace a chance." "War is

over if you want it." Succinct and easily digestible, like the best jingles. He was that direct and early and often, so it's not as if "John Lennon" could have shed much new light; Lennon's hardly mysterious.

Though the film isn't terribly revelatory, interviews with (among others) Walter Cronkite, Geraldo Rivera, George McGovern and G. Gordon Liddy do offer a thorough, vivid snapshot of the period. And the use of dozens of songs by Lennon and the Beatles help make the film better than a "Behind the Music."

"The U.S. vs. John Lennon" begins with Lennon proclaiming



All he was signing was "Give peace a chance." an insight recalled as genius.

that the Beatles were more popular than Jesus and follows his transformation into an increasingly highprofile anti-war activist.

Strom Thurmond consequently suggested having Lennon deported; John Dean admits that the Nixon administration had his phones tapped. Lennon knew he was being followed — he said the people following him wanted him to see them.

Leaf and Scheinfeld aimed to make a movie about a pivotal point in American history, but they're preaching to the choir. CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

Matchbox's patio and skylight seating (there are a couple tables outside and several in an enclosed greenhouse-looking thing) have opened — people were eating there this week at lunchtime.

Yes, you're absolutely right. The patio is tiny, but the new annex more than doubles the seating capacity with spacious booths and that lovely glass roof. Another thing to get excited about with Matchbox? Soon, you'll be able to scarf miniburgers and pizza on Sundays.

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Pass on It or Pass Out

'Science of Sleep' is visually inventive, but ultimately a big yawn

FILM | Michel Gondry's "The Science of Sleep" is pure whimsy presented with a childlike lack of guile piled on so thickly that the movie becomes less a story and more an exercise in

Writer-director Gondry's tale of a man-child (Gael Garcia Bernal) seesawing between his harmlessly demented fantasy world and a stifling outer life is filled with clever, dreamy visuals. But the emotionally stunted hero feels as artificial as the makeshift props Gondry weaves into the man's weird alternate reality. The trappings and characters have no purpose except as



SWEET DREAMS: "Sleep" superficially retraces the reality vs. fantasy theme examined in Gondry's far superior "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind."

playthings in Gondry's cinematic sandbox.

Bernal stars as Stephane, a man whose vivid dreams gradually are taking precedence over the drab, disappointing future shaping up in his real life.

While sleeping, he's master of "Stephane TV," a television studio built from cardboard boxes, shower curtains and other found objects. In his dreams, Stephane is host of a cooking show in which he mixes together strange thoughts and observations with memories.

In actual life, Stephane has just come home to Paris, where his mother has landed him what's supposed to be a job designing calendars. It's little more than a typesetting gig, and Stephane begins retreating further into his dreamscapes.

Stephane finds a potential anchor to draw him back to the conscious world when he meets his new neighbor, Stephanie (Charlotte Gainsbourg), and her friend Zoe (Emma de Caunes).

A sweetly chaste kinship develops between Stephane and Stephanie, their similar names part of Gondry's warm and fuzzy stab at examining themes of duality and synchronicity.

They all get churned into Stephane's dreams, which grow increasingly indistinguishable from his everyday life.

Gondry crafts some deceptively simple and wonderfully inventive sets, effects and animated sequences. But the individual moments feel disconnected. with the movie playing out like a compilation of Gondry's innovative music videos. "The Science of Sleep" entertains in a fleeting way, but it's like sleepwalking through someone else's tepid dream.

DAVID GERMAIN (AP)



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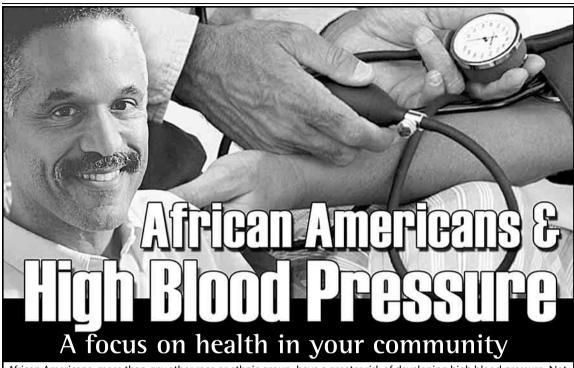
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THE BRINY DEEP: According to network sources, Alfonso, who played Kraken, was very difficult on the set, showing up late and frequently squirting the crew with ink.

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A deadly giant squid provides shivers and chuckles on Sci Fi

SQUID, INK | You have to love a movie called "Kraken: Tentacles of the Deep" (Sat., 9 p.m., Sci Fi). Or at least you have to appreciate how the movie got that ridiculous

For some years now, Sci Fi has been delighting audiences — and at least one critic - with its Saturdaynight franchise of cheap, silly thrillers. In an entertainment universe where Hollywood spends a quarter of a billion dollars to produce the third remake of "King Kong," these features are a refreshing return to B-movie purity.

"Kraken" begins as a giant squid attacks a small boat containing a romantic couple and a small boy reading himself to sleep with Jules Verne's "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea." Two seconds after getting amorous, the couple become squid food.

Fast-forward 20 years and that small boy has become Ray (Charlie O'Connell), a hunky sailor who joins forces with bikini-clad maritime archaeologist Nicole (Victoria Pratt). She's in search of sunken treasure, but finds a giant squid instead. Or does the giant squid find her? She also has a team of bad guys on her tail. How do we know they're bad? They dress in black!

Originally produced as "Deadly Waters," the film was acquired by the geniuses at the Sci Fi channel, who offered visitors to their Web site the chance to rename it. Thousands took a crack at it, and "Kraken" was the best of the lot. Other entries included "Two Guys, a Girl and a Giant Squid," "The Squid Stays in the Picture" and "Killamari."

Elsewere in science fiction (and on Sci Fi), the team discovers the Sangraal's hideout on the midseason finale of "Stargate SG-1" (Fri., 9 p.m., Sci Fi). and the ancient owners of Atlantis return and serve an eviction notice on the midseason finale of "Stargate Atlantis" (Fri., 10 p.m., Sci Fi). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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HAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

FRIDAY

Might a future president be at Extra Golden's gig at IOTA? Sen. Barack Obama was instrumental in bringing Opiyo Bilongo and Onyango Wuod Omari over from Kenya for their band's tour, (the group also features Ian Eagleson and Alex Minoff of local rockers Golden). The unlikely collaboration stems from Eagleson's trip to Kenya for a thesis on benga, a guitar-heavy form of African dance music. It resulted in the album "Ok-Ovot System," an infectious, charming record with plenty of funky grooves and fuzzy guitars. Another worldly act, Mosquitos, who combine indiepop and samba, headlines.

Scott Henry, the founder of the Buzz/Sting/Cubik dance night and a DJ who's spun at massive venues all over the world, gives you a chance to groove in an intimate setting. We're not ready to declare ROCK AND ROLL HOTEL the new Buzz yet, but upcoming gigs by Charles Feelgood and the all-drum 'n' bass Planet of the Drums show with Dieselboy have us wondering.

While only disco and soul fans will recognize Evelyn "Champagne" King, Martha Wash and Rose Royce by name, most people have danced to their hits about 500 times. Wash was half of the Weather Girls ("It's Raining Men," "Just Us"). When the group disbanded, Wash sang on tracks such as C&C Music Factory's "Gonna Make You Sweat" and Black Box's "Everybody Everybody." King's smashes include 1978's "Shame," "Love Come Down" and "I'm in Love." Then there's Rose Royce, whose "Car Wash" is instantly evocative of the late '70s. They're appearing at the free Dancing in the District concert on WOODROW WILSON PLAZA, along with hip-hoppers Rob Base and DJ E-Z Rock. The music begins at 7 p.m.

Hip-hop legends A Tribe Called Quest are performing at LOVE. What more do you need to know? It's remedial to rehash how their work in the '90s defined an era and several branches of hip-



IF YOU'VE GOT THE MONEY, QUEST IS FOR THE BOOKING: Tribe is doing an "NBA 2K Bounce Tour" — a game in which Phife (second from left) is a character.



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hop. Though the group's chemistry seemed to be waning by '98's "Love Movement," Tribe's played spot dates over the last few years. sometimes with member-emeritus Jarobi, who was a D.C.-area resident for a while. Doors open at 6 p.m., about five hours before you can expect Tribe onstage.

SATURDAY

Considering the themes of pan-Africanism and triumph over oppression in the music and in Rastafarianism, it's no surprise that roots reggae has a strong following in West Africa. The African Roots Reggae Festival at ZANZIBAR features three acts — Ras Kimono from Nigeria, Soum Bill from Ivory Coast and Kojo Antwi of Ghana



On Saturday, ex-En Vogue singer Dawn Robinson performs at Juste Lounge.

 who reflect the slowed-down ska beat and the messages for the people in a cultural feedback loop across the Atlantic.

N'Klabe has been called salsa's "boy band with smarts" and that's a good description. The three goodlooking Puerto Ricans won't be challenging Gilberto Santa Rosa or Victor Manuelle for the salsa throne anytime soon, but they perform light, crowd-pleasing music. For the Salsamania 2006 concert at the HYATT REGENCY, N'Klabe is joined by famed Puerto Rican singers Eddie Santiago, Tito Gomez (formerly of Grupo Niche) and Cano Estremera, the Orquesta Zeniza All Stars and local club favorite DJ Andy El Mas Bailable. Tickets are \$45 from Ticketlatino.com or Zodiac record shops.

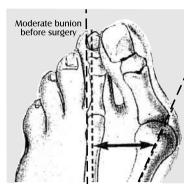
Everyone had their favorite En Vogue member, but Dawn Robinson's cheering section has generally been the loudest. En Vogue's run in the '80s modernized the mold of '60s girl groups and built a new template that hasn't been surpassed. Robinson went solo in '97 and immediately was recruited by Raphael Saddiq to join him and A Tribe Called Quest's Ali Shaheed Muhammad in a project known as Lucy Pearl. That record definitely took up more space on CD shelves than Robinson's solo follow-up, despite the fact that her allure and her pipes never waned. Dawn's been quiet lately, so her gig tonight at **JUSTE LOUNGE** is a must-see.

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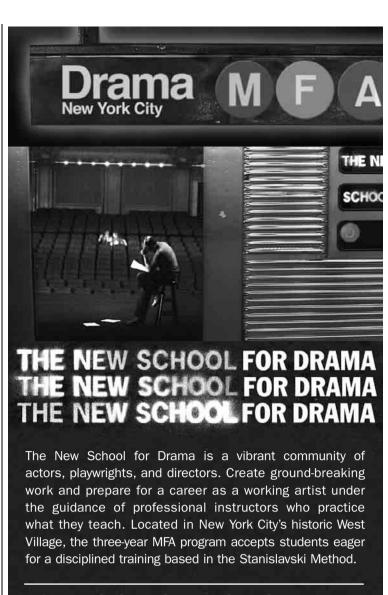
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ACCEPTED (PG-13, 90 minutes) Bartleby Gaines (Justin Long) can't bear to tell his folks that he has been rejected by every college to which he applied. To save face, he falsifies an acceptance letter from an institution he has made up. The parents buy the hoax, and so do hundreds of other burnouts, and stoners, airheads and strippers. This fluffy teen comedy gets annoying fast. Adriane Quinlan

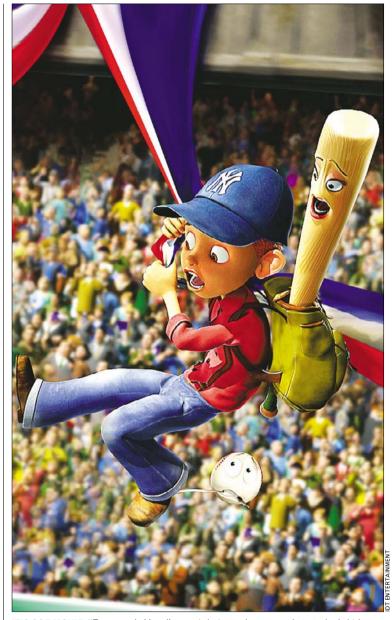
ANOTHER GAY MOVIE (Unrated, 92 minutes) Writer-director Todd Stephens has produced a painfully derivative take on raunchy teen sex comedies. Michael Carbonaro, Jonathan Chase, Jonah Blechman and Mitch Morris play best friends who still haven't lost their virginity by their high school graduation; each embodies a tired stereotype. (AH)

BARNYARD (PG.83 minutes) Male "cows" with pink teats? Not so easy to get past. Yet that's what can be found in a movie $where the animals throw barn \, dances \, and \,$ watch TV once the farmer closes shop for the night. The film's premise is a lot like that of the much better "The Lion King." This movie will entertain kids, not grown-ups. JENNIFER FREY

BEERFEST (R, 110 minutes) Brothers Jan and Todd (Paul Soter and Erik Stolhanske) head to Munich to spread Grandpapa's ashes but end up involved in the Secret Beer Olympics, a worldclass chugging contest with games like pong and darts and quarters. This film does anything for a laugh, no matter how puerile, silly or offensive. (SH)

THE BLACK DAHLIA (R, 119 minutes) On Jan. 15, 1947, in L.A., the beautiful, feckless Elizabeth "Betty" Short, 22, was found brutally murdered. This film by Brian De Palma follows two police officers assigned to the futile investigatation, Patrolman Bucky Bleichert (Josh Hartnett) and Sgt. Lee Blanchard (Aaron Eckhart), who let it grow in their minds until it haunts them, with disastrous consequences. The result is a work busy in the least satisfying of ways; about half the movie is a synopsis of what the filmmakers don't have time to dramatize. Despite genius-level contributions from cinematographer Vilmos Zsigmond and art director Dante Ferretti, the film is almost abusively murky, trafficking in difficultto-follow plot manipulations, arbitrary twists and mumbled dialogue. (SH)

BOYNTON BEACH CLUB (Unrated, 105 minutes) This movie studies a rebonding



IT'S GOT MOXIE: "Everyone's Hero" taps right into what appeals to today's kids — cute talking equipment and the worship of a sports figure from 80 years ago.

ritual among newly partnerless youngelderlies (say, 55 to 65) at the famous Florida retirement town. These folks want society, life, intimacy. There are plenty of reasons to like the movie; one is its superb cast of discarded '70s-era Hollywood stars such as Sally Kellerman, Joseph Bologna, Michael Nouri and Dyan Cannon, (SH)

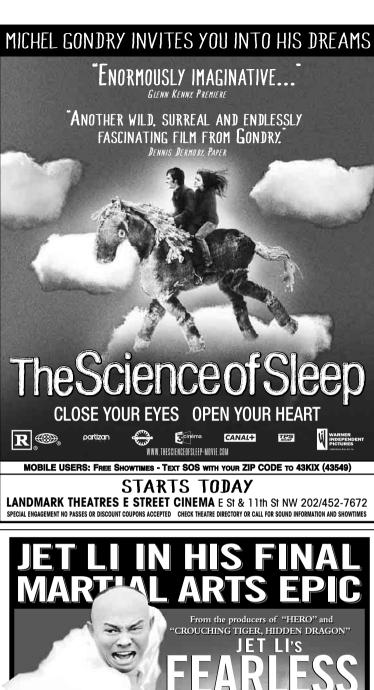
CARS (G, 116 minutes) Our hero, Lightning McQueen (the voice of Owen Wilson), is a sleek, red sportster on the racing circuit. He ends up stranded in a town called "Radiator Springs." He interacts with the townspeople, falls in love and learns a little something. This is the latest concoction from the geniuses at Pixar, and it's great fun. (sн)

CLERKS II (R, 98 minutes) Dante and Randal are back and have grown up only slightly. This sequel finds them still bantering with customers, having movie geek-offs (the "Star Wars" vs. "Lord of the Rings" argument is price-

less) and relishing crude innuendo. This is a lewd, lascivious, exhilaratingly lifeaffirming celebration of misfits and the misfits who love them. (AH)

CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER WOMEN

(R, 84 minutes) Anyone who has been in a love affair gone bad knows that William Faulkner was right: The past isn't dead, it isn't even past. Such is the stuff of this film, a misleadingly titled but intricately structured meditation on contemporary relationships starring Aaron Eckhart and Helena Bonham Carter. As the unnamed Man and Woman who meet at a wedding reception, the two throw off convincing sparks during what seems to be a spurof-the-moment flirtation. The plot thickens, and, during their liaison in the wee hours, all is revealed. Writer Gabrielle Zevin has an acerbic, peppery tone and director Hans Canosa uses what could be an irritating split-screen conceit to its full advantage. The film ultimately Continued on page 29







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becomes overly contrived, but kudos to these emerging filmmakers for daring to make something different and, for the most part, intriguing. (AH)

THE COVENANT (PG-13.97 minutes) Four prep school dudes carry on a 17th-century tradition: They have psychic abilities to unlock doors, swoop into the air and cause objects to hurtle like nuclear missiles. In this uninspired composite of "X-Men" and "Harry Potter," the reluctant leader, Caleb (Steven Strait), and his friends are trying their best to keep their secret from the staff and students of Spenser Academy. But spooky developments threaten to blow things wide open. Director Renny Harlin pays homoerotic homage to youth and beauty, cranks up the heavy metal and backlights the omnipresent rain. DESSON THOMSON

CRANK (R, 83 minutes) Older readers may recall a classic film noir called "D.O.A." That 1950 film was about a small-town businessman who is poi-

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soned and has just 48 hours to live. The death sentence actually galvanizes his life. and he becomes a driven hero. Great movie. This film's "D.O.A." on meth. It pops you one way, then the other in a frenetic rush. The action is completely overheated, and the thing moves so fast that it never makes sense. (SH)

CROSSOVER (PG-13, 95 minutes) With a few tweaks, this could be a terrible movie for the ages. But nooo, this street ball flick about two Detroit friends (Anthony Mackie and Wesley Jonathan) who live for slam-dunks, each other and getting an education — has to settle for merely lousy. (DT)

THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG-13, 109 minutes) Meryl Streep plays Miranda Priestly, the driven, demanding editor in chief of Runway, the bible of New York fashion magazines. Miranda's latest hire is Andy Sachs (Anne Hathaway). the smart girl who eschews fashion (at first) and arrives at her job at Runway head-to-toe out of place. She wants to be a serious writer. Can Andy survive a year of Miranda and win a recommendation that will get her in the door at any magazine in Manhattan? Streep makes



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THE EARNEST WAR PICTURE "Flyboys" was inspired by the Lafavette Escadrille, young Americans who volunteered to fly for the French military before the United States entered World War I. You'll find little here that's new or different — if "Flyboys" had come out 50 years ago, it might have starred Henry Fonda or Montgomery Clift — but there's a nice, comfortable camaraderie among the men, the dogfights are thunderous and the rescues are thrilling. CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

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EVERYONE'S HERO (G, 90 minutes) This animated film follows the somewhat twisted vector of Yankee Irwin (voice of Jake T. Austin), a 10-year-old who happens to be the son of a groundskeeper at Yankee Stadium. You would think this would make him a neighborhood celeb, but he's put upon by the other kids because he's not much of a player. However, at his nadir, he finds a talking baseball. And to make it more fun, let's give Mr. Ball the conventional cabdriver's Brooklyn patois. But wait: Let's team the talking ball with a talking bat, no less than the Babe's own. The movie is a feast of miscalculations. Neither a bat nor a ball make for an enchanting child's companion. (sн)

GRIDIRON GANG (PG-13, 120 minutes) Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson stars as football coach Sean Porter in this fictionalized version of an inspiring real-life story. In 1990, Porter, who was working at a juvenile detention facility in California, recruited 11 of his toughest inmates to create the juvie version of a high school football team; that year he Continued on page 31

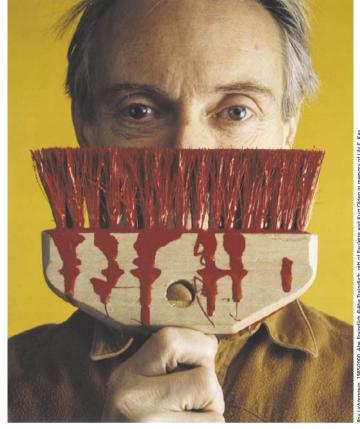
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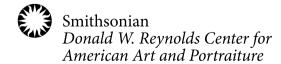
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took the Camp Kilpatrick Mustangs to the championships, along the way saving several of his charges from the usual path of jail or early death. It's a terrific story, and Johnson admittedly presents a charismatic figure. But instead of a crackling good movie, director Phil Joanou made a lugubrious tutorial on the importance of being a winner. Contains startling scenes of violence, mature thematic material and profanity. (AH)

HALF NELSON (R, 106 minutes) Ryan Gosling plays Dan Dunne, a junior high school teacher in Brooklyn who tries to teach Hegelian dialectics by day and smokes crack by night. Dan seems to be cracking between the pressures of his ideals and a sense of cynicism and futility. The good news in Dan's life is a promising student, Audrey, played in a revelatory debut by Shareeka Epps. Nearly every scene rings with ragged truth. (AH)

THE HOUSE OF SAND (R, 115 minutes) The Old Testament by way of Gabriel Garcia Marquez might be one way to start to describe this otherworldly cinematic journey that has been less directed than conjured by Andrucha Waddington. This story of a mother and daughter who settle in the desert outback of northern Continued on page 32

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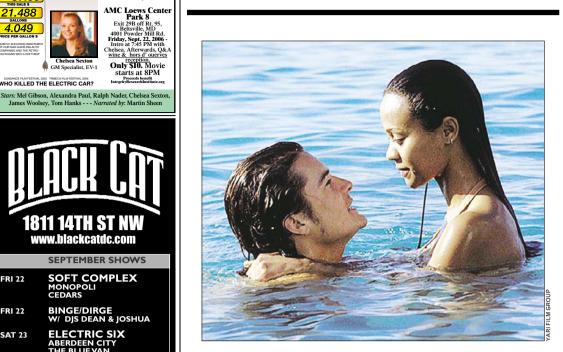
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HOLLYWOODLAND (R, 126 minutes) On the night of June 16, 1959, George Reeves, the handsome, affable star of the TV hit "Adventures of Superman," was found with a bullet through his brain in his L.A. home. This film, with Ben Affleck, Diane Lane and Adrien Brody, investigates his death. It reaches no conclusions but speculates on the possibilities in an evenhanded way. It's almost a good movie. (SH)

HOW TO EAT FRIED WORMS (PG, 93 minutes) This mild examination of school bullying, based on Thomas Rockwell's novel, chronicles the ordeal of a new kid, Billy (Luke Benward), in a suburban grade school, as inflicted on him by Joe (Adam Hicks). Taunts escalate into threats, and Joe bluffs poor Billy into a bet: Billy must eat 10 worms or show up in class with his pants full of worms. (SH)

IDLEWILD (R, 121 minutes) OutKast's Prohibition-era musical shouldn't work, but does. For all its shortcomings, "Idlewild" has things few films can pull off: Moments of pure cinematic fabulousness, breathtaking dance sequences and idiosyncratic 3-D ani-

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mation flourishes. (TW)

THE ILLUSIONIST (PG-13, 109 minutes) Edward Norton plays Eisenheim, an illusionist who has become the toast of aristocratic Vienna. He is being watched by Chief Inspector Uhl (Paul Giamatti), who, when a smoky image finally appears, promptly arrests him. The movie then backtracks to Eisenheim's beginnings as a poor boy, his friendship with a spirited young duchess and the downfall of their budding romance. The movie is a subtle, eerie augury of the cataclysm that lies ahead for Austria as well. However, it can't overcome a fatal inertness. (AH)

AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH (PG. 100 minutes) This documentary follows Al Gore on his world tour, in which he warns audiences that humankind faces dire consequences if it doesn't curb carbon dioxide emissions. Although Gore's presentation tells us nothing new, it has a renewed potency in light of growing scientific consensus about changing weather patterns. (DT)



'I CAN'T GET TIED DOWN, BABY': Hilary Swank (as a socialite) and Josh Hartnett (who plays a tough detective) share an intimate moment in "The Black Dahlia."

INVINCIBLE (PG, 99 minutes) Mark Wahlberg stars as Vince Papale, who in 1976 joined hundreds of Philadelphia Eagles fans in a publicity stunt of an open tryout; no one was more surprised than Papale himself when he made the cut. "Invincible" tells Papale's story without frills. (AH)

THE LAST KISS (R, 104 minutes) Zach Braff plays Michael, an almost-30 architect who has just learned his beloved girlfriend, Jenna (Jacinda Barrett), is preqnant, Michael says the proper, supportive things: Of course he's delighted — so delighted that he succumbs immediately to the flirtations of Kim (Rachel Bilson). Michael isn't the only one learning about true love the hard way. Chris (Casey Affleck), Michael's close friend, wants to leave his carping wife (Lauren Lee Smith) but not their child. Izzy (Michael Weston) can't get over the high school sweetheart who left him. A romantic nail-biter like this may sound like the opposite of fun. Do we really want to watch the slow-burn destruction of trust and happiness? In this case, yes. What makes the movie especially satisfying is its vision of love as the soul of partnership — rather than the crack high known as romance—and something worth fighting for. (DT)

LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE (R, 101 minutes) Throw a quirky family in a broken-down, yellow VW bus en route from Albuquerque to Redondo Beach. Calif., so that 7-year-old Olive (Abigail Breslin) can compete for the dubious title of Little Miss Sunshine. What happens when the family actually makes it to the pageant is sad, sweet, enlightening and really, really funny. JENNIFER FREY

MIAMI VICE (R. 130 minutes) Based on the '80s TV show about the stylized, musicalized, heavily armed, beautifully dressed icons Crockett and Tubbs, this movie has very little plot. But the worst news is that Colin Farrell and Jamie Foxx, replacing Don Johnson and Philip Michael Thomas in the key roles, don't hold a candle to the original guys. (sн)

MONSTER HOUSE (PG, 91 minutes) The animated story of a boy who discovers that the house across the way is a monster with a voracious appetite for children just his age, this movie is a grisly, often cynical piece of work whose joyless, aggressive spirit is made even less appealing by its soulless visual style. The story is by turns tiresome and terrifying. (AH)

PIRATESOFTHECARIBBEAN: DEADMAN'S CHEST (PG-13, 140 minutes) Will Turner (Orlando Bloom) is dispatched to steal Jack Sparrow's (Johnny Depp) mystical compass, which is believed to lead to the chest containing the soul of Davy Jones. And Elizabeth Swann (Keira Knightley) stows away aboard Sparrow's ship to find fiance Will, who's presumed lost. The movie's most entertaining feature is its computer-generated creations. (DT)

THE PROTECTOR (R. 84 minutes) Thai Continued on page 34



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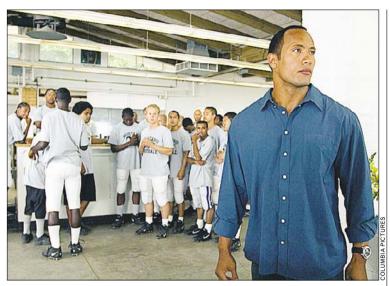
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action hero Tony Jaa plays Kham, whose family for generations has looked after the prized elephants of Thai kings. When two of his elephants are stolen and smuggled into Australia, he travels to Sydney, where he runs afoul of the police, the venomous chief of a local crime syndicate and all manner of baddies. There's not much here for anyone who isn't a diehard chop-socky junkie. (AH)

QUEENS (R, 107 minutes) This farcical sex comedy is in the tradition of subversive Spanish auteur Pedro Almodovar. He hovers like a benevolent ghost throughout this forced ensemble production, from the

cast dominated by members of his informal repertory company (Carmen Maura, Veronica Forque, Marisa Paredes) to its antic sense of humor. Those three marvelous actresses — as well as the wonderful Betiana Blum and Mercedes Sampietro — play the mothers of sons who are getting married in a mass gay wedding in Madrid. A series of comic complications ensues. Almodovar would no doubt approve. (AH)

QUINCEAÑERA (R, 95 minutes) The scene is L.A.'s Echo Park, a neighborhood in transition. Magdalena is about to turn 15 and pregnant; her cousin Carlos is 16 and gay in a macho culture. Directors Richard Glatzer and Wash Westmoreland make many safe choices, but the film looks realistically at some dubious civic practices and is honest about the painful feelings



NOT UNLIKE A ROCK: Dwayne Johnson is a better pro wrestler than he is an actor playing the coach of a scrappy football team in the uplifting "Gridiron Gang."

of kids, coupled with their need for love and guidance. (AH)

SNAKES ON A PLANE (R, 106 minutes) This movie's highest level of artistic expression was the ingenious Internet campaign. The thing itself turns out to be pretty much an afterthought, cheesy and not very well worked out. Once the basic situation is defined, the movie just reiterates itself time and time again. (SH)

STEP UP (PG-13, 98 minutes) Tyler (Channing Tatum) and Nora (Jenna Dewan) are romantically pre-locked and loaded for each other. They collide when Tyler, forced to perform community service at the Maryland School of the Arts after he trashes its auditorium, catches Nora's eye as she prepares for her school's annual showcase. Do we get the picture? (DT)

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TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY BOBBY (PG-13, 105 minutes) This NASCAR sendup starring Will Ferrell doesn't do much more than go for the quick guffaw, frequently from stereotypical slights along the redneck vein. (TW)

THIS FILM IS NOT YET RATED (Unrated, 97 minutes) This film is about movie ratings and the often frustrating and ridiculous process whereby the Motion Picture Association of America warns the parents of America off films that may have too much sex, profanity or violence for the little ones. That power gives the MPAA extraordinary sway over how films will be distributed, how much money they can make and, ultimately, their intellectual impact on the culture. It is, argues

filmmaker Kirby Dick, a de facto power of censorship. For a film with this much argument in it, it is remarkably entertaining. To break the wall of secrecy, Dick hires a cheerfully efficient lesbian private investigator who manages to uncover the names of the anonymous raters. This gives the film a goofy narrative thread, and his use of cartoonlike graphics to skewer the MPAA's pompous silence yields yet more absurdity. PHILIP KENNICOTT

WICKER MAN (PG-13, 115 minutes) Directed by Neil LaBute from a far better 1973 original, the movie is about a pre-Christian agricultural cult that secretly practices ritual sacrifice. (SH)

WORLD TRADE CENTER (PG-13, 125 minutes) Oliver Stone's film about Port Authority officers John McLoughlin and Will Jimeno (played by Nicolas Cage and Michael Peña), begins Sept. 11, 2001, when the two officers and their colleagues have just started the day's work, and the first



FLINGING IT ALL AWAY: In "The Last Kiss," Zach Braff plays a man on the cusp of 30 who fears his youth is over when his girlfriend (Jacinda Barrett) gets pregnant.

plane strikes the North Tower. While it's scrupulous in portraying the details of that day, it's short on dramatic revelations that could have resonated on a deeper level. (DT)

YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG-13, 108 min-

utes) Kate Hudson plays Molly, the daughter of a wealthy real estate developer (Michael Douglas). Molly has just married one of her dad's employees, a designer named Carl (Matt Dillon), Carl's best friend, Dupree (Owen Wilson), has

fallen on hard times and moves in with the newlyweds until he gets back on his feet; a series of slapstick, incendiary and raunchy high jinks ensues as the interloper insinuates himself ever more thoroughly into his hosts' lives. Do you really need to hear more? (AH)

ZOOM (PG, 100 minutes) Tim Allen plays Jack Shepherd, better known as "Captain Zoom," an ex-superhero in self-imposed exile who is called on to train four children to develop their superpowers because a bad ex-superhero is slated to return to Earth. The kids have little personality, and some of the superhero powers seem absurd: Mega-Boy can make himself real fat if he wants to. Big deal. So can I. (SH)

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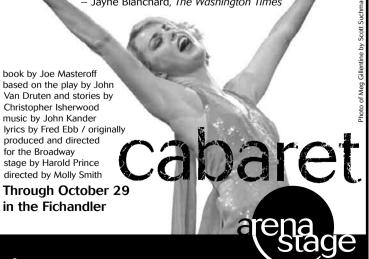
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7:40, 10:00 HALF NELSON (R) 2:00, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30 THE BOYNTON BEACH CLUB (NR-NOT RATED) 1:50,

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CRANK (R) 4:30, 9:50
CROSSOVER (PG13) 4:20, 7:14, 10:10
THE WICKER MAN (PG13) 7:00
BARNYARD: THE ORIGINAL PARTY ANIMALS (PG) 5:20

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CRANK (R) 3:00, 7:30
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TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY
BOBBY (PG13) 12:30, 5:00, 9:30

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PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG13) 2:40, 6:10, 9:15

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THE PROTECTOR (R) - ID REQ'D DIG
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GRIDIRON GANG (PG-T3) DIG
EVERYONES HERO (G) DIG
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THE PROTECTOR (R) - ID REO'D DIG
THE COVENANT (PG-13) DIG
THE COVENANT (PG-13) DIG
THE WICKER MAN (PG-13) DIG
CRANK (R) - ID REO'D DIG
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SO, NOT SO DIFFERENT: Good news for fans of the sci-fi spoof "Spaceballs" — the Mel Brooks comedy is coming to television as a cartoon. The animated series will parody current entertainment, politics and pop culture and is set to debut in 2007.

Television

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

MEET A FAMILY MORE MESSED UP THAN YOUR OWN

BROTHERS & SISTERS (Sun., 10 p.m., ABC) Calista Flockhart is Kitty, the prodigal daughter of a large California brood who made her fame in New York as a right-wing radio host. She returns to the left coast and immediately becomes embroiled in family intrigue.

Her big sister Sarah (Rachel Griffiths) is having intimacy problems with her husband and a heck of a time getting money out for the family business. Her brother Tommy (Balthazar Getty) chases everything in skirts. Brother Kevin (Matthew Rhys) is gay but can't find a guy. Brother Justin (Dave Annable) has returned from a stint in Afghanistan and is pretty messed up. To complicate matters

more, Kitty hasn't spoken to her mother, Nora (Sally Field), in years. Dad (Tom Skerritt) floats above the drama like Zeus on Olympus. Not to give too much away here, but somebody's bound for a fall.

GROWING UP ORDINARY

Set in a fast-food restaurant in a mall, MR. MEATY (Fri., 8:30 p.m., Nickelodeon) revolves around teens Parker and Josh.



AND MOM AND DAD: Skerritt, Flockhart and Getty in "Brothers & Sisters."

Best friends united by their shared interest in sci-fi films, they hope to save enough of their minimum-wage incomes to produce their own movie, "Ninja Zombies."

But Josh has begun to notice girls and sport a stylish hairdo, while Parker remains saddled with baby fat and a need to master light sabers. The show should appeal to those who have tired of the saccharine prettiness of characters in liveaction teen shows in capturing the awkward truths about adolescence.

OR, SHE GETS LOCKED IN A STORE WITH THAT GUY OVERNIGHT

Three weeks into **MEN IN TREES** (Fri., 9 p.m., ABC), we've already hit the perfunctory "bachelor auction" episode. Can a high school reunion be far behind?

NICE HANDCUFFS — ROWR

With the possible exception of the disembodied voice of Charlie on "Charlie's Angels," nobody has worked with more knockout law-enforcement officers than DA Jack McCoy (Sam Waterston) on LAW & ORDER (Fri., 10 p.m., NBC). Melina Govich ioins the cast.

AND IN OTHER HARD NEWS ..

Scheduled on **DATELINE** (Sat.,8p.m., NBC): Paris Hilton's brush with the police.

WITH A GUN, NOT AN ARROW

Cupid hovers around Susan and Bree on **DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES** (Sun., 9 p.m., ABC).

'MY YAK IS BROKEN'

Globe-trotting on **THE AMAZING RACE 10** (Sun., 8 p.m., CBS).

THIS IGLOO NEEDS FRESHENING

Visiting 50 states on **EXTREME MAKEOVER**: **HOME EDITION** (Sun., 8 p.m., ABC).

HERE COMES THE RAGEBEAST

BRIDEZILLAS (Sun., 10 p.m., WE) embarks on a three-week showcase of emotional meltdowns during the process of planning gay weddings.



LOCK ME UP, BUTTERCUP: Hell-o, "L&O's" Detective Nina Cassidy.

CULT CHOICE

A wayward father (Gene Hackman) tries to reconnect with his family of gifted eccentrics in Wes Anderson's offbeat 2001 comedy **THE ROYAL TENENBAUMS** (Sat., 6:30 p.m., Comedy Central). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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Dean of admissions concerned colleges are hurting students

Though just teenagers, the applicants to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology are a scarily accomplished lot. They have started businesses and published academic research. One built a working nuclear reactor in his garage. In their high schools, they have led every extracurricular club and mastered the SAT.

But surprisingly few have done what Marilee Jones, the woman who actually decides which one in seven MIT applicants gets in, thinks 18-year-olds ought to be doing.

Not many sleep eight hours a night, or eat three meals a day. Few spend time each day just staring into space. And Jones is blunt about the consequences.

The quest for perfection "is making our children sick," the MIT dean of admissions told a recent gathering of college admissions professionals in Boston. She means it literally, snapping off statistics on the increase in ulcers, anxiety disorders and control disorders such

Kids aren't supposed to be finished. They're partial. They're raw. That's why we're in the business."

MARILEE JONES

as cutting and anorexia.

"Kids aren't supposed to be finished," she said. "They're partial. They're raw. That's why we're in the business."

For years, high school teachers and counselors have been complaining about the emotional and physical toll of the competition for slots in selective colleges. SAT prep classes and an arms race of extracurricular resume-building, they say, are draining the fun out of life for their students.

College officials have been slower to see it as a problem — though, finally, that may be changing. A group of presidents from prominent colleges has been talking behind the scenes about possible steps to "lower the flame" — to use the buzz phrase — surrounding colleges admissions.

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PREACHING TEACHER: MIT's Marilee Jones is worried about students' well-being

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"The thing we see over and over again is how tired [students] feel, the extent to which they don't enjoy their senior year, which is supposed to be the big payoff of the high school experience," said Rod Skinner, college counseling director at Milton Academy

near Boston, where Jones recently spoke. "Marilee is really getting at how these students feel."

Two things ultimately transformed Jones' concerns into a cause. One was a series of conversations about adolescent health with pediatricians, like Kenneth Ginsburg of Children's Hospital in Philadelphia, her co-author on a new book: "Less Stress, More Success: A New Approach to Guiding Your Teen Through College Admissions and Beyond."The other was a simple conversation with a high school student after she gave a talk. He asked her if MIT really required 10 extracurricular activities. Jones wondered aloud why he would think that. The student pulled out MIT's application and showed her: next to "extracurriculars" it listed 10 lines for students to fill in. For the first time, Jones says, she saw MIT's application as a student sees it. She completely rewrote it.

"That's when I realized there's what we say and what they hear, and they're really different," Jones says. "We're raising a generation of kids trained to please adults. ... They're being judged and graded and analyzed and assessed at every turn. It's too much pressure for them."

Many in the admissions field admire Jones, though with mixed feelings about her prospects for winning this fight.

"She's probably a little bit more bullish than I am, a little more optimistic," said Tom Parker, dean of admissions and financial aid at Amherst College.

"I think it is very tough for her to do this given the ... kind of unwritten rules and habits and relationships that exist," Thacker said. "There are conventions, and in many ways, she's a rebel." JUSTIN POPE (AP)









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Voter Fraud at Branch Ave.?

POLL CENTER | The people who don't trust electronic voting have made their point. Before 5 p.m. yesterday, Express' Poll Center question "Do you feel electronic voting" systems are trustworthy?" - was fairly evenly split with a slim majority indicating that they have little faith in electronic systems.

But in about 60 minutes, Poll Center was flooded with more than 250 votes. Where there had been iust 3 votes at the Branch Avenue station, suddenly 152 votes were tallied. Other stations showed some modest gains.

Granted, Express' polls don't claim to be scientific, nor (thankfully) do they decide the leader of the free world. Nor are they protected with the kind of security that would be used in elections that actually, well, decide something tangible. But Express' experiment in direct democracy, tainted as it was, resulted in an overwhelming majority -87 percent — firmly against electronic voting systems.

The question also attracted a number of comments. Said one anonymous commenter: "It cannot be trusted at this time unless strict measures are in place, which we currently do not have. ... After casting a vote, how many people would actually go back and verify what happened to their vote or have the ability and know how to do that? Somebody with an agenda can relatively easily fool the system,



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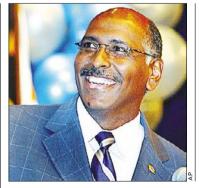
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Mr. Nice Guy?

"While [Maryland GOP Senate candidate Michael] Steele is winking ... and cuddling Boston terriers in his ads, his minions are waging one of the most shameless ... campaigns ..."

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Live Online

Identity Theft

JOEL WINSTON, associate director for the FTC's Division of Privacy and Identity Protection, was online Thursday at washingtonpost.com to discuss identity theft issues.

I have been told from members of my bank that identity theft is a hoax, and that it is committed 90 percent of the time by family members or "friends." Is that true?

The FTC's surveys indicate that the leading cause of credit card fraud is family, friends or other people you know. But, it is not 90 percent and there are millions of incidents each year that come from third-party fraud.

How safe is it to request an electronic credit report from the Internet? Is is possible that the credit reporting Web sites are fake? Good point. We have seen some fraudulent Web sites that mimic the official free report site. When peo-

ple go to the fraudulent site, their

information may be harvested by

identity thieves. Make sure you go to annualcreditreport.com.

Although it is a pain, I routinely shred any correspondence I receive that has my name and address printed on it. Is this overkill? Can someone steal an identity with just a name and address?

Usually not, but it happens. It's a good precaution, in particular, to shred those "prescreened" or "preapproved" credit card and phone offers, because there have been at least a few cases where thieves have rummaged through the trash, retrieved those letters, and opened accounts in the consumer's name.

Is the FTC doing anything about outfits like freecreditreport.com, who advertise free credit reports without having the disclaimer that consumers are already entitled to a free credit report once a year from the Big 3? This is deceptive adver-

Last year, the FTC settled a lawsuit with the company that markets that product, requiring them to make better disclosures of what they are selling and to provide refunds to customers.



WAIT SO LONG. Well, you might have to wait a little to get the 40th anniversary edition of the Beach Boys' "Pet Sounds" album, or catch Brian Wilson's related tour. But, until then, revisit the music and stay abreast of new events at Petsounds40.blogspot.com.

TODAY ON LIVE ONLINE: Post TV Columnist Lisa de Moraes takes a look at what's worth spending your time on the couch for at I p.m. | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

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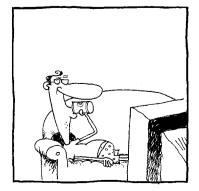








The Duplex | Glenn McCoy







Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You can have things more clearly defined for you before the day is out—and increase the potential for profit in the process.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) This is a good day to begin planning for something you had never thought, until now, was possible. You can make great strides.

scorpio (oct. 23-Nov. 21) Someone may be shadowing you, watching your every move and assessing your ability — and your weaknesses. Soon, he'll reveal himself.

sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Don't be tempted to pack it in prematurely. Things may start to look quite grim, but you can snatch victory from the jaws of defeat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You have more to offer than what you're currently giving, but it's going to take a subtle change of heart to enable you to give more.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) People make mistakes, but you may be immune from the kind of minor blunder that plagues

those around you. Consider yourself very lucky.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Someone you know quite well is able to put your mind at ease when you think things are beginning to fall apart. Recovery can be swift.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Look around, and you'll see there are others enjoying the same good fortune and enduring the same bad luck you are. You're not alone.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You'll be tempted to go on and on about a recent discovery, but it's important that you assimilate things yourself before sharing ideas with others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You are likely to develop the courage to try something that has been beyond your scope of experience in the past. However, new doors open up.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may be introduced to a new idea that captures your imagination and has you reaching for something that was beyond your reach.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're wishing things could reverse themselves and place you on a shore free from threat or challenge. Dream on. You're doing quite well, though.

Letters

Day Laborers Not Welcome

PERHAPS THE REV. David Rocha, described as an advocate for day laborers ("Laborers Looking for Work Moved," Sept. 21), would like to offer up his church or own personal property as a pick-up

site for illegal immigrants seeking work. Why burden the community of taxpayers to support these law-breakers? Better yet, the reverend can immigrate to the countries of these illegal immigrants and advocate for them there: better housing, jobs, health care, etc., so they can stay home.

-LAURIE KARNAY Warrenton, Va.

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Today in History

In Patuxent, Md., an all-female jury (the first of its kind in the Colonies) hears the case of Judith Catchpole, who is accused of murdering her infant child. (The jury, which believes Catchpole's assertion that she hasn't even been pregnant, acquits her.)

1776 Nathan Hale is hanged as a spy by the British during the Revolutionary War.

The musical "Fiddler on the Roof" opens on



"Fiddler on the Roof," starring Zero Mostel, debuted on Broadway in 1964.

Broadway, beginning a run of 3,242 performances.

1980 The Persian Gulf conflict between Iran and Iraq erupts into full-scale war.

People



"I am so, so sorry about 'Love Affair."

She Will Always Be Sydney Ellen Wade to Us

ANNETTE BENING, Cate Blanchett, Sofia Coppola and Sally Field received Premiere magazine's Icon Award for their achievements in the entertainment industry at its 13th annual Women in Hollywood event, held Wednesday at the Beverly Hills Hotel. Previous honorees include Jodie Foster and Meryl Streep. (AP)

UMMM

You May Wash Your Brain



ROSIE O'DONNELL gave the set an eyeful while shooting a sex scene for FX's "Nip/Tuck." She tells "Access

Hollywood" they had her wear a tube-top. But bits of the top kept showing in the shot. So she pulled down the top. (AP)



Asking for Trouble

CAMERON DIAZ has filed a police report accusing a photographer of assault with a deadly weapon for allegedly driving his car at her. Diaz and Justin Timberlake were leaving a friend's home when a photographer jumped out and tried to snap a picture, said police. The couple chased the photographer, who got into his car and drove toward them, causing Diaz to jump out of the way. (AP)

RUN AWAY!

This Is Why We Generally Frown Upon Military Coups

Thailand's military coup this week interrupted filming of NICOLAS

CAGE'S new movie, a gangster thriller being shot in Bangkok, a news report said Thursday. The Web site Sina.com said Cage had prepared a private jet to leave the The hair cannot be contained! Run!

country on short notice. When news of the Tuesday night coup reached the crew, Cage was sent back to

his hotel. Crew members remained on the set to keep an eye on prop guns until Cage persuaded the producer to send everyone home, according to the report. (AP)

DEALS

Appetite for Reduction

An art broker has filed a lawsuit against AXL ROSE, claiming the rocker backed out of a deal to pay \$2.36 million for an Andy Warhol portrait of John Lennon. Acquire



d'Arte filed the suit on Sept. 11 in Los Angeles **Superior Court** seeking \$1.15 million in damages. (AP)

This Celebrity Divorce Way Too Amicable to Be Any Fun

After a little more than three years of marriage, MATT LEBLANC'S divorce has been finalized. He and wife Melissa are agreeing to equal custody of their 2-year-old daughter, Marina. LeBlanc is considered the high-wage earner between him and his wife, so the court ruled he's responsible for their daughter's education, nanny and \$15,000 a month in child support. (AP)



"Why must he insist on me calling him 'Joey' whenever we cuddle? Why?"

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area



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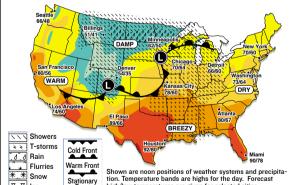
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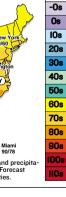
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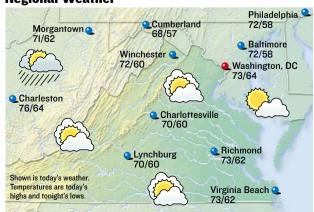
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National Weather for Friday, September 22



Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur. **Temperature**

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Low	50°
Normal high	78°
Normal low	60°
Average humidity!	52%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	5.26"
Normal month to date	2.68"
Year to date	34.94"
Last year to date	29.61"
Normal year to date	28.94"

washingtonpost.com/weather

Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, mostly sunny. High 73. Wind south 6-12 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 64. Wind south 6-12 mph

Sun and Moon

Moonset today 7:09 p.m	Sunrise today





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53/37/pc	Calgary	51/33/r	62/44/pc
88/75/pc	Dublin	64/55/sh	64/55/sh
82/60/s	Geneva	75/57/r	78/55/pc
89/78/pc	Moscow	66/46/s	56/38/pc
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70/50/pc	Tokyo	79/70/sh	77/70/sh

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

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Degree of Difficulty: HARD

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com



Find another Sudoku puzzle in the Comics section of the Post every Sunday and in the Style section every Monday through Saturday.

Yesterday's Solution

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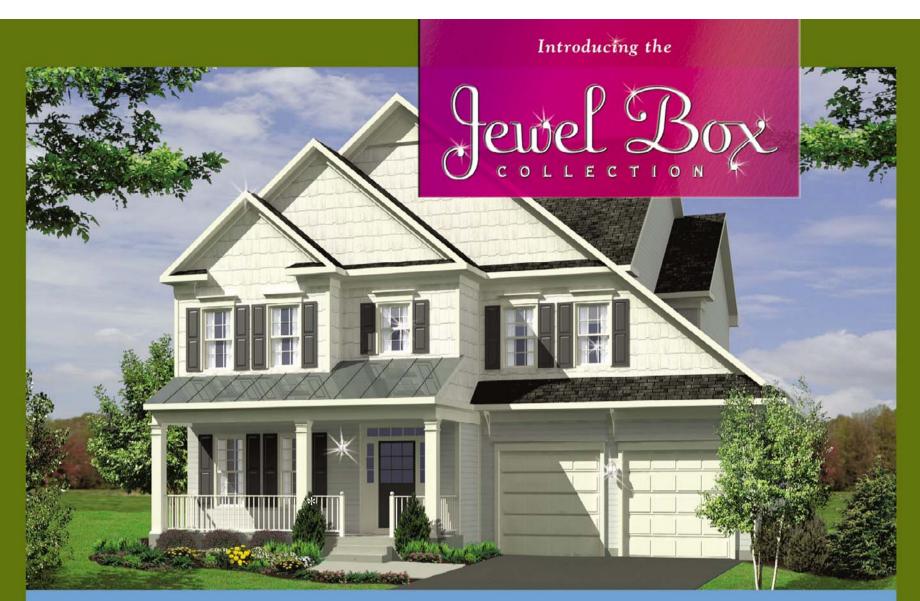
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■ Anyone who thinks classical music is snoozy and staid hasn't seen or heard Joshua Bell, the hunky violinist who's been wielding a bow at concert halls since his teens. The Grammy-winning, Strad-slinging virtuoso did the solos for "The Red Violin," in which he also served as a stand-in, making beautiful music for a naked Greta Scacchi. His new CD, "Voice of the Violin," tops the Billboard charts. On Sept. 24, he's at the Kennedy Center with the National Symphony Orchestra.

So what inspired the new CD?

It's pieces originally written for the voice, things like arias. I thought it would be nice to do an album all of beautiful, slow pieces from all sorts of repertories.

What's the most surprising piece on it?

Probably the little tiny song ["In trutina"] from Orff's Carmina Burana. It's not the sort of thing you'd expect to hear on a violin. But it works surprisingly well!

So what should we listen for on Sunday at the Kennedy Center?

It's a gala concert, which is a good time to do one of the big warhorses. We decided on Tchaikovksy's Concerto in D major. It's the most exciting of the violin concertos.

You come to D.C. often to perform. Any favorite hangouts?

I go out to Georgetown, usually to restaurants on the water. Wherever I go, it's all about the eating.

Well, you've traveled everywhere, so you've probably gotten to eat in some interesting places, right?

I'm very experimental — I try everything. I like to eat the local cuisine wherever I go. I take my Michelin guide with me in France, and in Japan, I went to a very authentic place where the food was still moving! But I think I might stop short of monkey brains.

Besides your violin [a 1713 Stradivarius], what kind of things do you travel with?

I always bring my laptop. I write e-



Joshua Bell

VIOLINIST, FOODIE, COMPUTER GAMER

mails to friends and play network games, really silly gory, shoot-'emup things. And I love my iPod.

So what's loaded on it?

I still do listen to classical music in my free time, but sometimes I cheer myself up with salsa or Latin music. I've also got nostalgic stuff from the '80s like Peter Gabriel and Genesis.

What do you wear onstage?

I never wear a tuxedo. Even orchestras aren't all dressed like waiters now. Classical music has to sound free and passionate, and when you're dressed up, you're not comfortable. So I like to wear a loose shirt onstage.

And what about offstage?

I'm a jeans and T-shirt person, but | for it. Jennifer Barger (express)

"Classical music has to sound free and passionate. I like to wear a loose shirt."

I also definitely like good-quality clothes like Gucci and Armani.

You bunk up in hotels a lot. What do you do to feel at home?

I make a huge mess right away. I pack everything, all these clothes and computer game hardware, sometimes even steering wheels.

What about at your real home in New York?

I'm renting while I renovate a twolevel loft. I'm putting in big rooms so I can have parties with live music. I'm designing every little place there's even a niche for my pingpong table and a movie screening room. The irony is that I'll have to be on the road all the time to pay for it. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

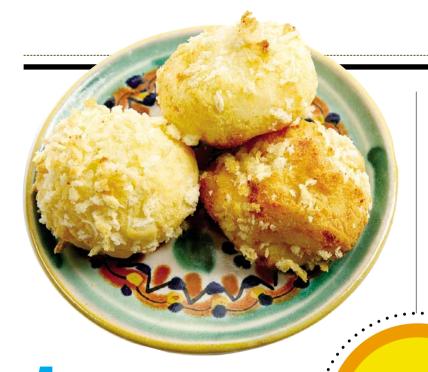


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Adventing Your Voter Frustration

with Midterms weeks away, politicos have left D.C. to kiss babies and otherwise try to hold onto their seats. Start counting the days till your fave A) wins by a landslide or B) gets a comeuppance with the Election Day Calendar (\$10, electiondayadvent calendar.com). Starting Oct. 10, open a door a day to reveal all-American scenes (Mount Rushmore, peace marchers) and civic-minded quotes. "We're not so naive as to think this can increase voter turnout," said co-creater Paul Smith. "Our goal is to create a new communal ritual and teaching tool."

The Cheesing Hour

SKINNY, BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE in Brazil often begin their days with pão de queijos — yummy little rounds of cheese bread. Now, you can chomp gourmet versions of the São Paolo snack at Cheesetique (2403 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 703-706-5300). Owner Jill Erber supplies artisanal cheeses to Krishna Brown of Shoebox Oven (shoeboxoven.com); Brown whips up tasty little rounds filled with chevre, blue and more (\$9 a dozen). Delicioso!



Dandy Striper

business clothes and sexy can finally be uttered in the same breath. French underthing maker Chantelle just released an ooh-lala-worthy collection of pinstripe bras and panties (\$46-\$50). Sold at Coup de Foudre Lingerie (1008 E St. NW; 202-393-0878), they're

just the thing to don under a con-



5 A Class Action

victoria Hagan turns out clean-lined, classics-gone-mod interiors for rich celebs. Now, due to her new line for designer-mad Target, commoners can partake of her starburst mirrors, X-sided end tables and faux sharkskin base lamps. Among the rich-looking, priced-for-the-poor gems: creamy white bud vases (\$8), a convex mirror on a leather strap (\$50) and femme pillows.

dear **manolo**

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

My friend is getting married in November and she's selected for her bridesmaids a brown dress with a sage sash. I'd like to help her avoid the typical dyed-satin slippers. What would you suggest? -DANI

■ Manolo says, November! Brown and sage! From this alone the Manolo can intuit not only the entire scheme of this wedding, from the decoration to the table centerpieces, but he can even tell you the menu at the recep-



tion, which will undoubtedly feature the roast acorn squash and the cranberry sauce. There is the reason why most of the marriages are held in the spring, so as to avoid exactly this.

But, it is now almost October, too late to reschedule, too early to phone the bride with your fake illness, and so you must do what you can. Happily, at the least your shoes can look stunning. The Manolo would recommend something with the heel that would elevate you above the colorful fall leaves and gilded pine cones that will undoubtedly be strewn in the aisles. Also, you will want to have the shoes that you can wear again. Thus the Manolo would recommend to his friend the Maxime from the BCBG MaxAzria (\$189, zappos.com) in the black coffee.



Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

Sweet Southern Comfort

THOSE WHO EMBRACE THE IDEA of steamy nights spent on the porch sipping ice tea (it's only "iced" tea in Yankee country) could do worse than two new products from Bliss. The Magnolia Body Scrub (\$30, blissworld.com) and Moisture Mousse (\$32) are exact olfactory replicas of the South's favorite flower. The scrub is gentler than most, with granules that somehow seem smoother than those in other products; the mousse is light and non-greasy. Both have a pleasant, subtle, enchanting scent.

ON THE COVER

Two Fashionistas co-owner Tara Weintritt wears a Nanette Lepore jacket (\$372, Hysteria, 125 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria; 703-548-1615). Photo by Michelle Repiso.



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Fall is all about the details. Cool morning jogs. Football games. The sound of leaves under your feet. The same goes for your clothes. Think layering. Try rich colors. These basics will enhance the pieces you already have in your closet. Because when the weather gets cooler, so should your wardrobe. CORY OHLENDORF

(I) Classic coat: Supreme sartorial touches working buttons on the cuffs, zippered inner pockets — make this butter-soft coat both dressy and casual. (\$299, Club Monaco) (2) Vests: With layering such a key trend, look for all manner of vests this autumn. 4You's waistcoat is particularly dapper under a crisp jacket or over a simple cotton henley. (\$44.50, Universal Gear, 1601 17th St. NW; 202-319-0136) (3) Distressed boots: This masculine update on the Chelsea boot is abraded by hand, so each pair is unique. (Bed Stu Bunker Hill boot, \$198, urbanoutfitters.com) (4) Jeans: Pull on a pair in a dark wash (from the deepest indigo to faded charcoal) with a slim, straight fit. Sans rips or heavy whiskering, this denim is appropriate for the office. (Matchstick jeans, \$138, Levi's, 3263 M St. NW; 202-965-1580) (5) Prep-school sweater: Hickey Freeman's spin-off "hickey" label takes the Mr. Rogers out of the classic cardigan. (\$298, hickeystyle.com) (6) Military jacket: Channel your inner tough guy in a slouchy fatigue jacket, like this one from Engineered Garments. Wear it like a blazer, with a narrow tie and pressed button-down. (\$450, Relish, 3312 Cady's Alley; 202-333-5343)



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Liquid Miracle

■ Nora Piroglu, owner of Oggi Hair Salon and Skin Beauty Lounge (404 1/2 8th St. SE; 202-543-6993), spends her days making other people pretty. Her waxing skills have been featured on "The Howard Stern Show" (she performed the first on-air Brazilian). Her can't-live-without-it beauty product? Aveda's Botanical Kinetics Skin Firming/Toning Agent (\$17 for 5 ounces, aveda.com). Piroglu, who started off at Aveda, said, "when I heard about toner, I was thinking Sea Breeze," the stinging liquid favored by seventhgrade girls everywhere. But this formula "is very light, very feminine," she said. When there's no time to shower, she spritzes it on, then pats with a paper towel. "It stops you from looking like a hot, sweaty mess." KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)



D.C. Fashion Week kicks off at the Festival on H Street on Saturday at I p.m. A free show featuring urban and "ready2wear" looks from local designers will rock the blocks between 12th and 14th streets and H St. NE. (For more info, see dcfashionweek.org and festivalonh.org.)

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AFall Order

When you help other people hunt for clothes, like personal shopper Tara Weintritt of Two Fashionistas, you can forecast seasonal trends better than a Weather Channel pro. "It's a flirty fall," she said. "Styles have moved back to elegance: cinched waists, tailored pants, kitten heels." We sent her barreling through the boutiques of Georgetown and Old Town ISO of autumn glories. She came up with shiny patent shoes, ladylike tops and loads of spicemarket colors. We predict a warm, feminine front — at least in your Closet. Jennifer Barger (EXPRESS)

Fashionista Faves

(I) Make a cameo appearance with Candace Ang's necklace. (\$204, SUGAR, 1633 WISCONSIN AVE. NW; 202-333-5331) (2) Golden corduroy glows on Putu's duffle. (\$178, PERIWINKLE, 1557 POTOMAC GREENS DR., ALEXANDRIA; 703-519-5242) (3) Palm Beach meets Georgetown on Tory Burch's silk, diamond-print shirt dress. (\$350, SHERMAN PICKEY, 1647 WISCONSIN AVE. NW; 202-333-4212) (4) Sleek with its matching jacket (on Weintritt), cute with boots and a sweater, Tibi's multitasking mini boasts punky buckles. (\$240, PERIWINKLE) (5) Quilty as charged, Tory Burch boots combine wool and leather. (\$425, SASSANOVA, 1641 WISCONSIN AVE. NW; 202-471-4400) (6) Squash-hued velvet meets gold beads on a clutch. (\$425, HYSTERIA, 125 S. FAIR-FAX ST., ALEXANDRIA; 703-548-1615) (7) **Bow in** with a silk-trimmed, cashmere Tory Burch sweater. (\$195, SHERMAN PICKEY) (8) Purple patent gets mod and buckled on Seychelles wedges. (\$77, SHOE HIVE, 115 S. ROYAL ST., ALEXANDRIA: 703-548-7105)



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Suited Upper

"I think the black and white of this suit

really draws your attention," said Tara

(TWOFASHIONISTAS.COM; 703-965-

Weintritt, pictured, one half of personal-

shopping dynamic duo Two Fashionistas

2994). With style sister Yolande Fidellow,

Weintritt picks out clothing, redoes clos-

ets and leads boutique-raiding sprees for

clients both female and male. Here, she's

sporting Tibi's coat (\$525) and skirt (\$240),

from Periwinkle, with Nanette Lepore plat-

form shoes (\$299) from Sugar.

dotty wool coat and skirt can also be split up and mixed and matched with jeans, sweaters and other autumn staples. Try the jacket with a skirt in hip-again red. (JACKET \$535, SKIRT \$240, PERIWINKLE) (10) Though orange suede mixed with green and brown leather seems as if it'd be hard to match, Weintritt said she thought Bettye Muller's pumps "could go with so many things — a chocolate-brown suit or a pair of jeans and a great top." (\$385, SHOE HIVE) (11) Like a cool, modern version of something Twiggy wore in the swinging '60s, Tibi's gray wool frock rocks a bell skirt with folkloric, magenta embroidery details. (\$370, SUGAR) (12) Dressing like Paddington Bear isn't usually a fashion "do." But Liquid's wool toggle coat somehow marries trad London style with an au courant plaid. The result: a signature fall topper that's as warm as, well, bear fur. (\$330, VALISE, 1624 WISCONSIN AVE. NW; 202-333-3622)

IDEA LIST



MEOW MIX: Big cat prints are chic this season, but bite in small doses.

Tara's Fall Tips

Fashion magazines lie. You won't be an outcast if you forgo this fall's leggings, and skinny jeans ain't flattering on everyone. Two Fashionistas' Tara Weintritt shares her secrets about what she's buying — and passing on — this season. J.B.

MISS: SKINNY JEANS. "I don't care how popular these are," said Weintritt. "I think they are hard to pull off."

HIT: RICH FABRICS. Weintritt likes autumn's textile choices — tweeds, velvets, brocades. "Wearing something in a luxe fabric really dresses up jeans," she opined.

TRY: LEOPARD PRINTS. Shoes, jackets, even towels — animal prints are everywhere right now. "I like it, but I'll embrace it in small pieces," said Weintritt. Don too much cat, and you risk looking like a fashion-disabled superhero.

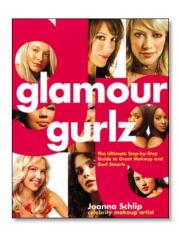
HIT: FUNKY NECKLACES. Weintritt adores what she calls "conversation-starter" jewelry like the showstopper cameo necklace she chose for this story. "If you buy costume pieces, they should make people stop and talk to you," she said.

MISS: BORING SHOES. Weintritt prefers to pair red or yellow footwear with black dresses or jeans.

HIT: CAPES. Weintritt thinks capes and caplets "are flattering on almost everyone. They've got such glamour, and wearing one says, 'I tried a little harder than the next person.'"

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Reading Pretty

■Teach teenagers well, and they shall avoid bad makeup, if not bad spelling. Joanna Schlip's GLAMOUR GURLZ (\$20, Clarkson Potter) details more than 40 looks, from smoky eyes to fresh neutrality. But it's hard to believe a teen beauty guide would have no advice about acne or greasy skin. While some tips are handy (use an eyeliner brush to apply shadow under eyes for an edgy look), the book has a very tenuous grip on reality. K.P.K.

BOOKS

A Big Don't

■ Glamour's black bars are snarky fun. But GLAMOUR'S BIG BOOK OF DOS AND DON'TS (\$25, Gotham Books) is a mishmash that takes the fun out of being bitchy. Yes, there's stuff on what to wear for certain situations, and tips on dressing for your body type, and lots of sartorial mistakes. But the jumbled layout is messy and difficult to follow. K.P.K.



Lorac's Creamy brow pencil tames with one end and defines with the other, helping you achieve the strong, shapely brow that's in for fall. (\$18, Sephora)

Get slick with Urban Decay's Ultraglide, a lipstick/gloss combination that gives rich color and big shine. (\$17, urbandecay.com)



Your skin isn't all one shade; multidimensional color like Clinique's limited-edition Blushing Blush looks more natural and helps you avoid that clown look. (\$18.50, department stores)

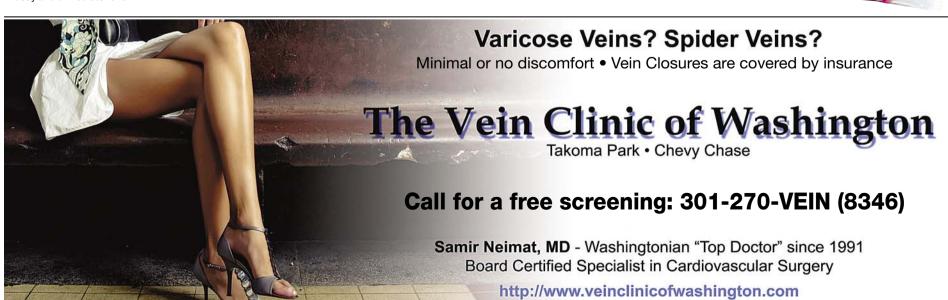


Autumn Allure

Put down the self-tanner. Fall is here, and it's time to welcome autumnal colors, both on the trees and on your face. Arianne Damboise, national makeup artist for Benefit, says this season is all about orbs: "We're back into smoky palettes and jewel tones on the eyes." Keep brows groomed but not overly thin, and give lips a wash of subtle color. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)







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Into the Wild. Not

Martin + Osa

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HEY, 29-YEAR-OLDS: At midnight on your 30th birthday, you will suddenly yearn to wear earth tones, smell like cedar logs and shop at baffling concept stores. Shopper Fortunately, American Eagle spin-off retailer Martin + Osa just opened its very first store ever — here!

"Project Runway" assignment: Take two early 20th-century explorers Kansan husband-and-wife team Martin and Osa Johnson - and create a line for 30-somethings.

The result is an overthought environment that aims for outdoorsy but comes off as

inauthentic. Walking into the place, you're flattened by the smell of cedar but it's not coming from the ski-lodgey walls. It's piped-in wood fragrance.

Are the lights broken? Nope, It sounds like an opium-fueled | they just dim now and then to

SAMPLE BUYS

(I) Olive-drab nylon jacket has a heather-gray wool lining and detachable hood (\$148); blue-and-green patterned, cotton button-down is soft and comfy. (2) Pleated cotton ballerina skirt has wide, flattering (really!) pleats and a subtle sheen (\$78). (3) Black nylon women's windbreaker has a slight "Battlestar Galactica" look to it (\$78). Because if Martin and Osa had been born 4055, they would have been space explorers? Why ask why?

evoke passing clouds. There's a big table with McSweeney's magazines on it, because everyone in their 30s loves Dave Eggers. But if you ignore the pandering, the clothes are prettv cool.

STYLE: The presumption here seems to be that, were they alive today, Martin and Osa would wear Banana Republic-esque sportswear, only with more texture and color. Women get drapey cashmere-blend tanks and tees, boxy jackets, velvety-soft chinos and conservatively cut jeans. Even the more embellished items. like an athletic-inspired sweatertank with side vents (\$58), maintain quiet dignity. Bottoms are classics with a twist - cropped, cuffed khakis (\$78), kicky pleated skirts (\$78). Do not be seduced by the "Chino Sweats," unflattering drawstring pants with cargo pockets (\$78).

The men's clothes are going for genteel ruggedness: Imagine if J. Crew's fall line were washed 80 times, then thrown in a drver with rocks. Distressed nylon jackets take on a leather-like texture, sweaters with shredded collars look a tad tough (even in pastels) and cotton dress shirts are displayed wrinkled, with rolled-up sleeves.

SERVICE: Highly attentive; one saleswoman brought two piles of unsolicited clothing to the dressing rooms (which resemble Nordic saunas).

PRICE: Most items fall in the \$60 to \$200 range.

BONUS POINTS: Sturdy cloth shopping bags. And free hemming!

BUREAUCRACY: Full refunds with receipt, exchange/credit without.

BOTTOM LINE: Martin and Osa would find the prices high, the vibe hilarious and the clothing agreeable.



Stacy McNeal

- Who She Is: Creative director for the Neva Group, who launched her eponymous line in early 2005.
- Specialties: "Accessories are my strength," said McNeal, who favors linear handbags, weighty jewelry and wide, waist-cinching belts. "They make or break your entire outfit.'
- Aesthetic: Greta Garbo meets Ali McGraw. Think geometric-patterned purses and rings with semiprecious stones the size of quarters.
- Backstory: A self-described "late bloomer," McNeal worked on the Hill before deciding to pursue her creative passion. "I was caught up in doing the things people do when they come to
- Inspiration: Her grandmother, who vacuumed in heels and jewelry. "She was always put together, elegant and finished." McNeal has followed her first muse ever since.
- Greatest Challenge: The business of creating, interpreting and selling images. "Often, you'll have an idea in your head, but you can't always convey it accurately," she said.
- Favorite Material: Turquoise. "It'll take its own patina from where it was mined," she said. "So whether it was Colorado, Iran or Nepal, there's a individualism to it."
- Where to Find Her: McNeal only makes about 20 to 30 pieces of a design. Find her work at Space (1625) Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-0140), Alex (1919 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-296-2610) and online at stacymcneal.com. CORY OHLENDORF



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Smells Like a Spin-Off

■ Books. Music. Television. Sometimes these mediums soar, linking people together, challenging paradigms and touching the soul. And sometimes they inspire perfumes, DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES: FORBIDDEN FRUIT (\$50. exclusively at Macy's) is described in the press release as a "fruity floriental." Seriously, PR people, you can't just make up words. In reality, it's a spicy, jasmineinfused scent that's half a nighttime stroll in Charleston, half clubbing in Miami. WITH LOVE ... HILARY DUFF (\$55, Sephora) combines fruit and musk for a sweet,



inoffensive perfume that should not be worn by anyone over 17. DANIELLE BY **DANIELLE STEEL** (\$50, available Monday) is a nostril-searing floral that evokes a sachet in a drawer at an overly quaint bed and breakfast, It's entirely top notes, with no depth, like a series of novels that use exactly the same plotline from book to book with only slight variations in character, KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)





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Clicking for the Next Picasso?

■ Artists don't just plop down at their easels, put brush to canvas and churn out masterpieces. Like pianists or dancers, they hone their skills with smaller works as warm-ups for the ones they hope will someday make them famous. That's the idea behind painting-a-day blogs. Artists do a daily depiction (usually postcard to paperback size), post a photo of it, and sell it via the big gal-

"We all kind of feed off of each other."

lery that is the Internet. Dailypainters.b logspot.com links to many such downsizers. Styles range from abstract to Impressionist; subjects include landscapes, portraits and, most often, still lifes. Most cost \$100, meaning you can get an original for cheap or afford a wall of little works.

Jan Blencowe (paintingadayproject .blogspot.com) said her top-sellers are flowers and desserts: "Everybody wanted a doughnut." Her works sell for \$100. Justin Clayton (justinspaintings.com) is an L.A. painter who says clients love his palm trees, above. He sells via eBay auctions, where bids for his pieces can reach several hundred dollars. Randel Plowman (acollageaday.blogspot.com) uses whimsical cutouts in 4-inch-by-4-inch collages that run just \$25 each.

"It's really positive to have so many artists all working on the same sort of thing," said Clayton. "We all kind offeed off of each other." MAURA JUDKIS

Old Tile, New Bathroom

My house was built in 1902. All of the fireplaces have these cool, mottled rectangular tiles on their hearths and around the openings. But some of the tiles are cracked or missing. I searched Home Depot, flea markets and tile places, desperately trying to find ones that match, but I'm not having any luck. Any ideas?

If you're having a hard time finding old or unusual tiles, a good place to check is L'Antiquario, which does a big business selling antique clay and ceramic tile. It's located in Miami (305-672-6008; lantiquario.com), but it'll send products all over the world.

L'Antiquario salvages 18th- to 20th-century tiles from castles and cathedrals in Europe. It stockpiles 1,500 patterns — red, black and gray diamonds, Art Nouveauish blue and gray flowers, fit-for-Diocletian's-Palace mosaic styles — which cost \$11 to \$50, much less than most other sources.

If you can't find anything that matches the tile on your fireplace, consider removing the existing rectangles carefully, and using some of L'Antiquario's stuff instead. You could alternate plain and patterned tiles for a very neat Old World look. And your fireplace will have a new history of its own!

Antique tiles, whether you pick them up at a junk shop or find them at a big-time dealer, also go a long way toward adding personality to a contemporary house. Hang a few colorful Spanish squares on the wall of a bathroom or install some flowered French beauties as a backsplash in your country kitchen.



Hundred-plus-year-old tiles from Europe add an Old World patina outside and in.

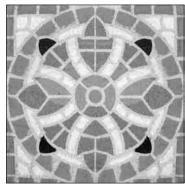
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We bought a condo in a pre-World War II building. I want to redo the bathrooms and kitchen. Do I just hire a contractor to put in tiles, sink, etc., or should I go with an interior designer?

If your project involves any structural issues at all, I'd hire an architect. Moving walls and adjusting floor plans ain't for amateurs.

Even if you hire an architect, an interior designer can serve as a fine-tuner. Interior designers work with architects on complex projects; on smaller ones, a designer can hire contractors and supervise the redo for you. Another option: a design/build firm, which puts both architects and designers on the job.

Whichever direction you go, these pros can help you envision what your space might look like — a Tahitian spa with lots of wood? A sleek glass-and-chrome kitchen fit for a downtown loft? If you hire a designer, he



L'Antiquario nabs antique tiles from castles. They'd give your flat regal flair.

or she will produce drawings, schedules and budgets and propose materials. To find one, try the database on the American Society of Interior Designers at asid.org.

If you decide you want a one-stop shop, go with a design/build firm. Two I'd recommend: Case Design (800-513-2250; casedesign.com) and Landis Construction (202-726-3777; landisconstruction.com).

You can also go with a kitchen/bath design firm. Many have retail showrooms, like Jennifer Gilmer (301-657-2100; jennifer gilmerkitchens.com) or Kitchen and Bath Studios (301-657-1636; kitchenbathstudios.com). Home Depot and Lowe's also have kitchen and bath redo departments, and DIYers say good things about IKEA cabinets.

Check with your condo board before any makeovers — many have rules about how and when jobs can take place. The new neighbors will be much more neighborly if they aren't awakened by buzz saws.



Send home design dilemmas to Katie Z. Leavy, ASID, of Capital Design (capitaldesignDC.com) at decordiva@readexpress.com.

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Leaving Windows Bare

■ You rent, and the neighbors aren't voyeurs, so why put up shades? Or you just bought a condo, and springing for a sofa seems much more important than putting pricey bling over the blinds. But not dressing up windows can actually cost you money, said Keri Topjian of ELEGANT DRAPERIES (202-726-2430; EDRAPERIES.NET). "If you don't put up curtains or drapes, you let in light that can ruin furniture and carpet," she said. "And without window treatments, you'll also get lots of heat in summer and cold in winter." This equals higher power bills, which only Pepco enjoys.



Topjian said there are many ways to gussy up windows, from custom silk swags like hers to Home Depot's Redi-Shades. "They're \$3.48 each on the Web, and a quick fix without a huge investment," she said. To block chills and heat and preserve fabric, she said to always line drapes. This also makes them full and pretty, which is really the point, right? Jennifer Barger (express)



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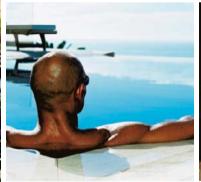
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Party Like A U.S. Marshal

■ This weekend, you won't have to search every gas station, residence, warehouse, farmhouse, henhouse, outhouse and doghouse in the area to have a good time. Sunday marks the 217th anniversary of the U.S. Marshals Service, America's oldest federal law enforcement agency. If you have an outstanding warrant (and who doesn't?), the good times, in the form of burly Deputy U.S. Marshals, will find you. So what if you didn't kill your wife? They don't care.

Known best as fugitive hunters, Marshals also provide security for federal courts (and currently for the Saddam Hussein trial). When much of the country was unsettled, they were often the only law enforcement available, said Marshals Service historian Dave Turk. "A lot of our field deputies would be out for weeks at a time and would have to carry all their own food — things like cans of beans and beef."

Plan your own Marshals birthday party around a similar menu. While Turk's heard stories of modern Deputies cooking on the engines of their cars during prisoner transports, you're welcome to use a grill. Jamie page deaton



Take a lesson in Brazilian entertaining from Artefacto, which celebrates its one-year anniversary of furnishing D.C. on Sept. 30 with caipirinhas, capoeira and models. Nearby stores will also be participating in Georgetown's "Day of Design." (3333 M St. NW; IO a.m.-7 p.m.: 202-471-5420)

Surprise, Sweets!

Pair vino and cake or beer and chocolate

There's a saying, "Life is short; eat dessert first." Though it sounds like a corny Hallmark card, that quote can inspire a great party. For your next bash, why not bypass healthy stuff (main courses, potentially E. coli-loaded salads) and serve sweets as the main attraction?

But instead of the usual suspects — crème brulée, the same old brownies — try something intriguing and unexpected: Serve unusual treats with complementary drinks. "This works because it is so different and fun," said Todd Thrasher, sommelier at Alexandria's Restaurant Eve. Besides, when else can you give people their just desserts?

Wine & Cheesecakes

Vino loves fromage, so it makes sense that it'd also get along with cheesecake. But New York's signature confection is quite rich, so pour a fuller-bodied wine. "An ice wine would be good, or a botrytisaffected wine such as a Tokaji or Sauternes," said Jennie Schacht, coauthor of "The Wine Lovers Dessert Cookbook" (Chronicle, \$25). In addition to such syrupy libations, a bit of bubbly also works. "A demisec Champagne or a sparkling Vouvray keeps a dense cheesecake from becoming overpowering," said Schacht. "They're great palate cleansers between bites."

The new "Bon Appétit Cookbook" (\$35, Wiley) features recipes for soirée stars like Triple Cherry Cheesecake or Toffee Cheesecake with Caramel Sauce. Or buy queso cakes from Heller's Bakery (3221 Mt. Pleasant St. NW; 202-265-1169) or cheesecakedelivered.com, which sells varieties like pumpkin/fudge and lemon.

Whatever flavor you favor, Schacht suggests pairing cheesecake with a wine that is sweeter than it is. "After biting into the dessert, a less sweet wine will taste flat or sour by comparison," she said.



 $Imperial\ stout, like\ Sri\ Lanka's\ Lion, highlights\ similarly\ dense\ chocolate\ treats.$

Strong Coffee & Middle Eastern Sweets

Though most people know Middle Eastern cuisine for hummus and kebabs, the cooks of Jordan, Lebanon et al. also turn out delicious, intensely sugary meal codas: basbüssa (syrupy semolina cake), qataif (pancakes filled with clotted cream or walnuts, fried and dipped in syrup) or baklawa (sweets made with nuts and filo).

And in cafes from Amman to Zahdean, Iran, folks drink dark, dark java to offset all that sweetness. London-based Lebanese author Anissa Helou ("Mediterranean Street Food," \$19, Morrow) said rich, often grounds-filled Turkish-style coffee is the beverage of choice throughout the Middle East. "I'd suggest espresso, without sugar," she said. "Filter coffee is too

"Beer and chocolate is very common in Belgium and Germany."

bland to serve with sweets, cappuccino too heavy."

Her book provides recipes for easy treats like semolina cake and anise cookies. Local sources for baklawa, halawat jiben (sweet cheese desserts), etc. include Al-Nakheel (334 Maple Ave. West, Vienna; 703-938-4270) and Lebanese Taverna Marketplace (4400 Old Dominion Dr., Arlington; 703-276-8681).

Beer & Chocolate

"If you look at brewing industry cookbooks from 50 to 60 years ago, you'll find grandma and grandpa were enjoying beer with chocolate," said beer expert Bob Skilnik, author of the forthcoming "Beer & Food: An American History" (\$25, Jefferson Press). He suggests pairing a rich flourless chocolate cake with stout; the brew's bitter and somewhat acrid flavor holds up against the intense cocoa blast. More unusual combos might include a Pilsner and milk chocolate. "I'm hooked on homemade chocolate-chip cookies with a thin-tasting American Pilsner," said Skilnik.

"Beer and chocolate is very common in Belgium and Germany. Many breweries actually make chocolate as well as beer," said Brian Harrison, owner and general manager of The Reef in Adams Morgan. He suggests marrying Chimay Belgian ale with milk chocolate. "Take a bite of chocolate, hold it in your mouth till it melts, then drink the beer," he said. "Mmm, heaven,"

For international brews, try Chevy Chase Liquors (5544 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-363-4000) or World Market locations, which also stock international chocolates.

Sweet Cocktails

Then, too, you could just combine your dessert and your drinks in one vessel. (Which, judging from the chocolate martinis on D.C. bar menus, is what many restaurants are doing.) "Sweet cocktails are popular right now because they seem a lot less scary to make," said Restaurant Eve's Thrasher. But, he cautioned, "They go down easy, and you won't know just how much you have had to drink."

Two recent books provide inspiration for glucose-dosed highballs. Kim Haasarud's "101 Margaritas" (\$15, Wiley) suggests a Lemon Meringue Margarita; her "101 Martinis" (\$16, Wiley) also provides plans for goodies like a marshmallow-topped Hot Chocolate Martini. All seem destined to make your guests' spirits — and sugar levels

— soar. Monica Bhide

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With Rosh Hashanah on the way, you'll be craving some challah to accompany your apples and honey. But you don't need a stand mixer to make it happen.

Free Range

Challah: Bread Winner

I'm taking my first stab at baking bread. I have "The Joy of Cooking" and "The Bread Bible" as references. I'm thinking challah since it's Rosh Hoshanah, but is there a simpler bread I should do

simpler bread I should do first?

I think challah's a rich and forgiving bread to make. "The Bread Bible" is an excellent reference.

I would like to attempt to make challah, but I don't own a stand mixer. How did people in the olden days do it?

Perhaps we were a kneadier people back then. The handheld mixer's a little trickier, but doable. The mixer will allow you to gradually combine the very warm liquid mixture and, later, the eggs. But as soon as the dough forms, untangle it from the beaters and get busy. Seven minutes.

I am in need of a celebratory snack for a preschool class. It needs to be nut-free and healthy, but still tasty. Our former Food section recipe editor and burb mom, Stephanie Witt Sedgwick, suggests mini pumpkin muffins from "The New

Joy of Cooking."

I am making a vegetarian mezze for some friends and was looking for a good chickpea salad recipe.

This is a recipe by Leslie Beal Bloom that we published in 1991. It can be a whole meal when served with warm pita bread. Crisp papadums, available at local Indian markets, are also a tasty accompaniment.

CURRIED CHICKPEAS WITH WATERCRESS

I LARGE bunch watercress; I/2 CUP yogurt; I TABLESPOON reduced-calorie mayonnaise; I TABLESPOON curry powder; I/2 TEASPOON kosher salt; I/2

TEASPOON freshly ground black pepper; GENEROUS PINCH cay-

enne; I I/2 CUPS cooked chickpeas; I CUP seeded, chopped tomatoes; I I/2 CUPS cooked corn; I CUP seeded, chopped cucumber; I/2 red onion, peeled, thinly sliced.

Wash watercress and dry thoroughly. Trim stems and separate sprigs. Place in a medium bowl and set aside. In a small bowl, mix the yogurt, mayonnaise, curry powder, salt, pepper and cayenne. Just before serving, toss watercress with 2 tablespoons of the dressing. In a serving bowl, place chickpeas, tomatoes, corn, cucumber and onion. Gently toss with remaining dressing. Taste and adjust seasonings. Divide watercress among four plates and spoon chickpea salad on top.



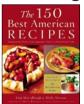
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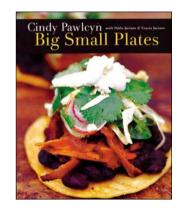
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Little Big Dish



■ Both the culinarily adventurous and the woefully indecisive will appreciate **BIG SMALL PLATES** (\$35, Ten Speed Press). Cindy

Pawlcyn's Northern Californian spin on the Spanish tradition of tapas. All the dishes, which lean toward Asian and Latin flavors, are meant to be part of a shared meal. She's light on instruction and heavy on complex condiments with exotic ingredients, but even novice cooks will be able to impress their friends. Many dishes involve much advance preparation plus last-minute grilling, so why not make your fellow tailgaters envious? Skip the hot dogs and feast on Black Pepper and Garlic Chicken Wings and Spicy Lamb Burgers with Tamarind Vinaigrette. After a bite of Double Trouble Chocolate Mousse Torte, you won't even care how the Redskins play. PERRI KENNEDY



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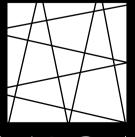
■ Every year, the cookbook "The Best American Recipes," edited by Fran McCullough and Molly Stevens, makes a bold claim: These are the finest dishes to be written about anywhere in the previous 365 days. The ISO BEST AMERICANRECIPES (\$30, Houghton Mifflin) takes it a step further with the foremost recipes of the decade. So you get mini frittatas with wild mushrooms from a Macy's handout, Alice Water's coleslaw (which adds zip in the form of jalapenos) and plenty of selections from Gourmet magazine, including brisket à la carbonnade. VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

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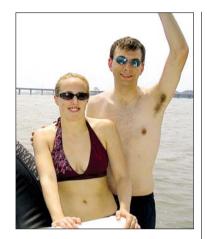
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Emily Jankowski, Matthew Newton

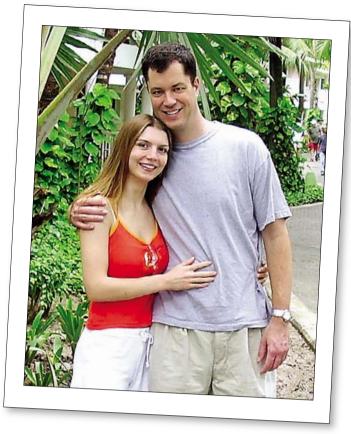
Emily, 25, is an academic advisor at George Washington University. Matthew, 23, is a systems analyst for the Social Security Administration. They live in Elkridge, Md.

- The Main Event: A semiformal Unitarian Universalist ceremony in Rockville on Nov. 4. They expect 15 guests.
- How They Met: On eHarmony.com
- First Date: The Air and Space Museum. "It rained the entire time," said Emily.
- First Impressions: "Acid-wash

jeans? That's OK. I can work with this," said Emilv.

- How He Proposed: "He gave metickets to 'Les Miserables' for Christmas. On the night of the show, just before we left for dinner at Butterfield 9, he proposed," said Emily.
- Stupidest Fight: "She yells at me when I don't use Ziploc bags the 'right way." said Matthew.
- Aisle Music: The Wedding Processional from "The Sound of Music."
- Celebrating Heritage: Theywill have a wine ceremony, a French tradition, in recognition of Emily's background. The rehearsal dinner will be all British fare in honor of Matthew's ancestry.
- Mmm, Cake: A three-tier white cake with chocolate buttercream frosting and raspberry ganache, with white-chocolate leaves and white-chocolate cranberries on top.

Four "flower women" will hand Emily a flower as she enters.



Bachelor No More

Meeting women isn't really what a bachelor party is for. Which is why **STEPHEN RAPTIS** decided to skip one after meeting **VALENTINA KUZINA** earlier in the evening. "I didn't think he liked me because he didn't ask for my number," said Valentina, who goes by Valya. "But I guess he did, because he got my number from his friend and called three days later."

The couple spent their first date at Paparazzi in Georgetown ("He got the best parking spot — right in front of the entrance!" said Valya), and Stephen proposed on Valentine's Day in Old Town Alexandria. "To get some privacy, I convinced her to sneak out onto a pier by climbing over a chain with a 'no trespassing' sign," he said. "Almost as soon as she said yes and we climbed back over the chain, security showed up."

Stephen, 36, is an attorney with Gilbert, Heintz and Randolph, LLP. Valya, 23, is a financial analyst with R.D. Mingo and Associates. They live in Arlington and will marry Nov. 12 in a Russian Orthodox ceremony in Washington.



Michael, 28, is a labor relations manager for A&P Supermarkets.
Suzann, 33, is a lab technician in a marine ecology lab at Montclair State University. Suzann currently lives in Arlington; they will live in Montclair, N.J., after the wedding.

- The Main Event: A formal ceremony in Alexandria on Oct. 14, with 130 guests attending.
- How They Met: At work, when Michael was an intern at the company where Suzann was an administrative assistant.
- First Date: Dinner followed by an Orioles game. "Michael conned me into going to Hooters by claiming it was a family tradition Hooters and the Orioles. As it turns out, we were the beginning

"We were at St. Stephen's Green in Dublin when he proposed. I was overwhelmed."

of the tradition," said Suzann.

- Most Hated Clothing Item: Her "blue hand-me-down gym shorts that are way too big," said Michael.
- Their Song: "Total Eclipse of the Heart" by Bonnie Tyler. "We chose it because of a scene from our favorite movie, 'Old School,'" said Suzann.
- Celebrating Heritage: The ceremony will include the Bell of Truce, a Celtic tradition. A bell is blessed, then rung by each member of the couple. Later, the bell is kept in the home and can be rung during arguments to call a truce.

Erica Gregory, Matthew Taylor

Erica, 29, is an account executive for Euro RSCG Life PR. Matthew, 3I, is a senior writer for the American Cancer Society's National Government Relations Department. They will live in Alexandria.

- **The Main Event:** A semiformal celebration in Nashville on Oct. 14. They expect 250 guests.
- **How They Met:** While in graduate school at UNC. "My buddy had a crush

on Erica, and some other friends were trying to set me up with her roommate," said Matt. "Somehow we emerged from that tangled mess."

- First Date: A UNC basketball game, followed by dinner at which Matt prepared a dish called "Bachelor's Delight."
- How He Proposed: At the Grand Ole Opry's Ryman Auditorium, where Erica's grandfather played for more



than 40 years. "I told her, 'There's a lot of your family history in this building, so I want to start our family history here,'" said Matt.

- When She Knew: While touring a battleship. "We came to one point where we could make a wish and drop a coin through the ship's floors. If it landed in a bucket on the bottom level, your wish came true. I wished that he would be the man I would marry, and my nickel went into the bucket," said Erica.
- Making It Unique: A tribute to Matt's mother, who passed away 17 years ago, will include a song Matt wrote for her.
- Wedding Jitters: "I almost set my childhood church on fire when I was an altar boy," said Matt. "I have to light a candle at the wedding. So I suppose I'm most afraid of burning down the church."



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A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another. As always, there's only one solution, which will appear in next week's edition of Weekend Styles.

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